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Bethel Police Chief Tripp suspended

By MICHAEL DANIELS

Bethel Police Chief Darren Tripp was suspended Monday by Town Manager Scott Cole.

Cole said the "paid administrative suspension" was a non-disciplinary action and would last a minimum of 10 days.

He declined to give the reason for the suspension or to speculate on what would happen after the ten-day period was up. "There are several outcomes. I really can't speculate," he said.

Tripp also declined to comment on the suspension. "Due to certain issues that have arisen since my suspension, I have been advised by my legal counsel not to comment further at this time."

The suspension follows a long period of ill feeling between the two men.

Cole has been actively exploring other options for providing police

coverage in Bethel, including contracting for it with the Oxford County Sheriff's Office.

Tripp contends Cole wants to eliminate the BPD in order to lessen his own administrative load.

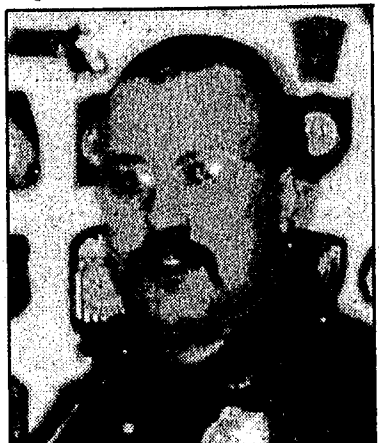
Cole: 'Coverage unaffected'

Cole said police coverage would not be reduced by Tripp's suspension. Reserve officers and overtime will be used to cover Tripp's shifts, he said.

As for the leadership of the department, he said: "We are exploring possibilities. There are people who have expressed an interest in serving and may be suitable for an interim position."

While Tripp was constrained from commenting on the suspension itself, he did share his thoughts on department leadership while he is on suspension.

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BPD CHIEF DARREN TRIPP
(File photo)

Blue stars honor those who have gone to war

By ALISON ALOISIO

With American troops headed into battle in Iraq, members of a local American Legion post Tuesday raised a Blue Star Service Banner on the Bethel Common flagpole.

"It's in recognition of Bethel area servicepeople in harm's way," said Jeri Greenwell, of Mundt-Allen Post #81.

The Bethel area has a number of people currently on active duty, some in the Middle East, she said.

Greenwell and her husband, Jerry, donated the flag, to be flown under the American and POW/MIA flags currently on the pole. The new banner is part of an effort by the Legion to rekindle a tradition established in World War I.

The banner is designed on a white field with a blue star sewn on a red

banner. Smaller versions of the flag are placed in the front window of a home by families who have a loved one serving in the armed forces. The symbol demonstrates a family's pride.

The blue star represents one family member serving. The banner can have up to five.

The banner was designed and patented in 1917 by World War I Army Capt. Robert Queisser of the 5th Ohio Infantry, who had two sons serving on the front lines. It quickly became the unofficial symbol of a child in the service.

A gold star replaced the blue if the relative was killed or died in service. If more than one star appears on the flag, the gold one takes the place of honor nearest the staff.

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Traditional Finnish music resounding here



HONKALA ON THE KANTELE—Barbara Honkala plays her 10-string kantele in her Bethel home. She is a member of the Maine Kantele Consort, which puts on performances featuring the traditional Finnish instrument.
(Photo by Alison Aloisio)

Barbara Honkala of Bethel first heard the harplike sounds of a kantele about seven years ago. "I loved it," she said.

By ALISON ALOISIO

The kantele (pronounced KAN-ta-la) is believed to be 1,000 to 2,000 years old. It is the national instrument of Finland, where it is taught to schoolchildren. But up until a few years ago, apparently no one in Maine's Finnish community knew how to play it.

Honkala and a group of Finnish heritage-minded musicians have changed that, and now they're trying to introduce the stringed instrument to others.

The triangle-shaped instrument comes in a variety of sizes, ranging from five to 38 strings. It can be played resting on the lap or a table.

The effort to revive the playing of the kantele in this area began through the efforts of two second-generation Finnish Americans who were raised in the Finnish-American community of South Paris.

Sarah Cummings-Ridge, a music teacher, and Ruth Hertz, a retired teacher, learned how to play the kantele at workshops offered in other parts of the U.S. by Finnish-American organizations. They began offering their own workshops for beginners here in 2000.

Honkala, who describes herself as Finnish by marriage to her husband, Rudi, took up the instrument herself during that time.

"I had bought a kantele six years ago at a FinnFest (an annual, national event focusing on Finnish heritage and traditions) in North Dakota. I thought, 'Why not?' — I'll see what I can learn."

"We started with 27 women, ages 10 to 80," she said. Since that time there has been a steady core group of 15 who attend monthly, and in some cases weekly, lessons.

Honkala has become part of the weekly group. And she now has two kanteles, a five- and a 10-string.

The musicians play jigs, polkas, and waltzes, as well as rounds and harmonies. Honkala played the piano when she was young, and can

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Town Meetings



WORDS FOR WINDOWS—Karen Wilson gives her opinion about new windows for the Town Hall at Saturday's Andover Town Meeting.
(Photo by Alison Aloisio)

Andover opts for current road names, cuts budget

By ALISON ALOISIO

Showing a knack for diplomacy, Todd Papanou of Andover came up with a compromise Saturday that resolved a debate on the naming of the Upton Road.

Town Meeting voters were discussing whether to change the name of the road — so designated in the 911 road naming effort — back to its traditional East B Hill Road name.

"Why don't we put up a historic sign?" Papanou asked. Such a sign, he said, would note the road was formerly known as East B Hill.

Townpeople liked the idea. Some had wanted to return formally to the original name. But Fire Chief Ken Dixon said that would require renumbering the road. Another section of it, located in the unorganized territory of Andover Surplus still carries the name, he said, with the numbers extending throughout.

Not wanting to deal with that process, voters easily approved Papanou's proposal. Jerry Melzar volunteered to make the sign.

The approximately 75 voters also

decided more costly issues at their four-and-one-half-hour annual Town Meeting.

They rejected an article proposing a \$50,000 town revaluation. The state recommends revaluation be done every 10 years (the last one was done in 1991).

Wayne Delano said the town wouldn't recoup "one dime" from spending money on a revaluation. He said fair taxation would be ensured by keeping up with building permits, which would track home improvements increasing the value of individual homes. He also said the state does not require revaluation until numbers fall to 70 percent of their market value. As of last year, Andover was at 89 percent.

But, said selectman Trudy Akers, the town stands to lose money that would otherwise be reimbursed by the state's Homestead Exemption program. Under the program, the state provides a \$7,000 tax exemption on each home if a town has 100 percent valuation, and a lesser amount if it does not.

But voters were not inclined to spend the funds, and the revaluation was overwhelmingly defeated.

They also voted down \$10,000 that would have gone to purchase 48 wooden windows for the Town Hall. Last year, voters approved \$13,000 for the window replace-

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Local Wolf Den OK'd to build covered-bridge summer home for bats

By MICHAEL DANIELS

Soon, as darkness drops to drape the Bethel pathway, new winged denizens — *Myotis lucifugus*, perhaps even *Eptesicus fuscus* — will emerge to begin their nightlong search for prey.

By day they will rest, invisible to passers-by, in a new home under the south eave of the pathway's covered bridge.

The Wolf Den of Bethel's Cub Scout Pack 566 has received permission from the town selectmen to construct a house for the little brown bat and the less common big brown bat.

The plan calls for adding a new facing to the south (Route 26) side cave. The facade will be offset approximately two inches from the current cave surface, and the space between will provide bats with a sun-warmed nesting spot.

The bats will be seasonal visitors. "They'll live there in the summer, then leave in the fall to go back to their caves," said Den Leader Stacey Rossow, who presented the plan to the selectmen Monday evening.

The approval was unanimous, but the selectmen noted that not all residents might welcome the new neighbors.

"I personally have no quarrel with bats. They don't bother me much," said Selectman Dr. Bennett. "But I can just see some white-haired old lady who wants to go down and walk on the bridge saying: 'Why did they do that?'"

It's largely a matter of perception, said Selectman Reggie Brown: "There are some people, I'm sure, who will be hesitant about walking under the bridge with all those bats. If they didn't know they were there, they wouldn't be hesitant."

Rabies and guano are the two main concerns that come to mind with bats, but said Rossow, neither is likely to be a problem in this case.

The chance of contracting rabies from a bat is extremely small, she said. "There have only been 15 cases nationwide over the past 40 years." (She does caution, however, that no one should ever handle a bat found on the ground, because it is probably ill.)

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Letters

DON'T LET HATE INFECT US

To the Editor:

As one of the Gould students who helped to organize and plan the debate on military action in Iraq, I was a bit shaken by the comments that Delma F. McMillin made about it in last week's Letters to the Editor. I believe that there are a few things that need to be cleared up about the debate.

First of all, as for the issue with the banner that was on the podium at the debate, it in fact had two symbols. As McMillin pointed out, one was a peace symbol, but the other half of the banner depicted the nuclear symbol. The purpose of this banner was to visually portray the two sides of the debate.

As for the greater purpose of the debate itself, it was not to hold some sort of peace rally, it was to educate and inform the public about the current issue that our country faces and to allow supporters of each side to present an educated reason for this action, whether it be peaceful or military. Both the pro-war and anti-war side gave excellent arguments and both should be applauded for this, neither deserve to be put down.

I was deeply offended by McMillin's closing statements as well. Although I am against our current policy with Iraq, I am eternally grateful to have grown up in America. Our country was founded upon the idea that everyone should be considered equal, and this idea does not stop at race, gender, or sexual orientation. This notion of equality also refers to celebrating a diversity of the mind and of ideas. The suggestion that anyone who disagrees with American policy should leave is suggesting an action that is borderline ideological cleansing. We are lucky to live in a wonderful country where all people have the right and opportunity for freedom, and that includes the freedom to disagree with the government. To rid this country of people with ideas that are different from your own would be one of the most un-American things you could do. Some have already begun a hate campaign directed at the people in the Middle East and countries who oppose the war; let us not allow this hatred to infect us as not just Americans, but as human beings.

Amy Gaidis, Gould Academy '05
Bryant Pond

FREEDOM MEANS DISAGREEMENT

To the Editor:

I would like to thank Gould Academy for hosting the recent debate on the war with Iraq. It is unfortunate that so many that stand under the flag of patriotism either choose to ignore or forget that one of the core principles of democracy is the freedom to disagree and debate in an open forum. Far from being "dishonorable" it is at the very root of what compelled the founders of this country.

I would venture to say as well that one of the core principles of Christianity is "love thy neighbor." To pit Muslims against Christians in a so-called "holy war" is to propagate ignorance, fear, and an extremely simplistic view of the world. To me, that is what is truly frightening.

Margaret Haberman
Bethel

JOIN A WALKAMERICA TEAM

To the Editor:

Everyone, dust off your walking shoes, join a WalkAmerica Team, and mark your calendar.

On Sunday, April 27, hundreds of Bethel area residents of all ages, will walk together from the Bethel Family Health Center (five-mile or one-mile route) thru Bethel Village in WalkAmerica to support March of Dimes research to find the causes of premature birth.

Premature birth is a bigger problem than people think. It affects more than 460,000 babies in the U.S. every year, and is the leading cause of newborn death. The March of Dimes is a national voluntary health agency whose mission is to improve the health of babies by preventing birth defects and infant mortality.

Let's all get together, join a team and get walking for healthy babies. Our Team Captain Kick-Off Dinner is Wednesday, March 26 at 5:30 p.m. at Liam's Restaurant, Sunday River Road.

To register or for more info, contact Claire Carver at carverc@ths.sad44.org; Mo Ginther at 824-0985 or e-mail at mo@thmainepress.com; Marjorie Osgood at 824-2131; or Jennifer Annis at (800) 668-5678. Visit the March of Dimes Web site at www.walkamerica.org or call (800) 525-WALK.

Mo Ginther
for March of Dimes WalkAmerica

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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PEACE AND WAR GATHERING

To the Editor:

Relationships between faith, forgiveness and violence are not always clear. On Sunday, March 23, we have an opportunity to focus on these relationships at the brink of war, and to discuss them under the leadership of the Rev. Dr. William Imes, president of Bangor Theological Seminary. A meeting for people of the Bethel area and local faith communities will be held at West Parish Congregational Church in Bethel from 1:30 to 5 p.m., with refreshments to be served. "The Church in Peace and War" will give us all a time for faithful, Biblical reflection on the military questions which currently trouble the world. All are welcome to attend.

The Rev. Daniel Johnson
West Parish Congregational Church

INTERNATIONAL WORKERS NOT WINED AND DINED

To the Editor:

I don't think anyone's wining and dining our international workers. I work with a dozen foreign workers. Most are paying extremely high rent. They shop locally — groceries, etc. Most brown-bag their lunch because they can't afford to eat out and no one is feeding them for nothing.

Charlene O'Brien
Newry

(Note: The writer is referring to comments by Arlan Jodrey in a March 6 Citizen article on the Mountain Explorer bus program.)

WARM THOUGHTS AFTER THE COLD SNAP

To the Editor:

As most everyone knows, the last five weeks have been a real challenge for the Bethel Water District to keep everyone's water service flowing. At our office, we are recording frost six feet deep. Most of our mains and services are at that depth. This has caused some service interruptions. We are diligently working to thaw frozen services or lay temporary service lines where needed.

For those customers that did freeze up, I would like to thank you for being patient with us while we restored water service to you.

I would like to say thank you to some of our local business owners who went above and beyond their normal responsibility. Ron Savage, owner of Savage Construction, donated himself and his crew free of charge to help the Water District install 1,000 feet of temporary services in temperatures below zero and snow as high as your hip. Most of the digging was done by hand. Without him and his crew, it would have taken us two days or more to complete that stretch of temporary services. Water service was restored to those customers in less than a day. Brooks Brothers Hardware Store crew did plumbing modifications for us on demand. They made sure we got priority on service and supplies when we needed it. They were also very busy dealing with their own service work. Jack Cross, owner of Cross Excavation, and his crew also made us a priority when we needed heavy equipment. Western Maine Supply Company crew gave us prompt service for supplies and delivery. Thank you to the Big Apple crew for keeping us filled with hot coffee and donuts on those very long and below-zero days. True North Adventureware opened their store early for us so we could get some cold weather gear and gave us a discount. Without the cold weather gear, the work would have taken much longer. These businesses truly make Bethel special. They care about their community and when someone is in need, they help. We didn't need to ask, they offered. Again, thank you.

A very special thanks to my assistant, Don Katlin, office manager Callie Colby, and our new temporary employee, Mico Thompson. They have worked many days straight and long hours with little time off. Every day they are at work, on time, and ready go. Not once have they complained about the workload or the weather we would have to work in. The employees of the Bethel Water District truly work as a team and I have been blessed to be a part of it. I know I can depend on them, as they know they can depend on me. As far as I'm concerned, you guys are "Employees of the Year."

Don Katlin's ingenuity in certain situations has been clever and cost effective. He has fine tuned his skills to meet the Water District's demands during this crisis. Don has given up much of his time with his family to answer callouts and ensure water service is provided. Thank you, Donnie.

Callie Colby not only did her normal daily duties, but made phone calls to customers, kept appointments straight, kept track of expenses regarding freeze-ups in a data base, and many other things in the office. She kept our service calls organized and briefed us every chance she got. Callie, you are a great lady and a blessing, thank you.

Mico Thompson is our new temporary employee who was hired to help us through this. His eagerness to learn and wanting to work has really made a difference. He, too, has responded to callouts at all hours. Because he is a fast learner and hard worker, we were able to thaw out more services and lay more temporary services in a day than before. Good job and thank you, Mico.

I would like to thank the trustees, Josiah Drummond, John Head, and Mike Broderick for help and quick responses they have provided.

Last and certainly not least, I would like to thank my beautiful wife, Tina and children for understanding the commitments I must keep for the Water District. When I work late or get called out, I know that when I get home, they will greet me with a warm smile and a nice hug. What more can I ask for?

Lucien G. Roberge
Superintendent, Bethel Water District

READER'S THEATER THANKS

To the Editor:

Our final Reader's Theater for the season went over with a bang thanks to the following Crescent Park students.

"Matilda who told Lies" by Hillaire Bellock: Kailey Kennaugh played the part of naughty Matilda with Molly Siegel as her alter ego who tried unsuccessfully to keep Matilda on the straight and narrow path. Carlee Beatson, the wealthy and very proper Aunt, who kept a "strict regard for truth" with Abbie Goldberg acting so uppity as her alter ego, with Jonathan Sheidegger and Kyle Peterson as the gallant London fire fighters.

Their poem was called "The House by the Side of the Road" author unknown.

"Tom Sawyer" by Mark Twain with Asher Wilson playing Tom who has a burning desire to be like the mischievous Huckleberry Finn acted so well by Casey Thornton. Cousin Sid as well as the strict Schoolmaster performed by the talented Mason Mills. The part of Aunt Polly and Becky Thatcher, the "new girl in town" and Tom Sawyer's not so secret flame, was played beautifully by Justyne Myers. The story line for all characters was ably read by Jaime Stevens. The cast from "Matilda who told Lies" came in as school children and added greatly to the fun.

Poem by above actors: "The Children's Hour" — Henry Wadsworth Longfellow.

Telstar students acted a challenging script called "The Necklace" by Guy de Maupassant and performed it with great aplomb.

Sarah Hill as Matilda, very unhappy with her lot in life. Josh Oliver as Loisel, her husband, a lowly clerk who never came up to Matilda's expectations. Rochelle Jewell and Lisa O'Jeda as Readers moved gracefully through the movement required to move sets and props. Patti Blachut as the rich and charming Mme. Jeanne Forestier who loaned Matilda the necklace to go the Ball. The surprise ending was played so beautifully I only wish we could present this to the Telstar Literature or English classes, but we are not allowed to perform during school hours.

Poem entitled "The Birches" by Robert Frost, reminded us of our ice storm. Backstage Helpers: Anna Crossley, Cindy Beatson and Michelle Kennaugh took charge backstage. It was greatly appreciated since I was unable to do more than introduce the cast due to a bad back. That's the glory of people who have show business blood in their veins and are willing to help in time of need. Meg Stevens surprised us with a large group of wonderful children to observe and parents were there in full force. My sincere thanks once again to everyone.

Sue Farrar
Bethel

In our back yard

Waiting for spring in our back yard

Okay, how many of you were, like me, disappointed when the groundhog saw his shadow this year?

I love winter and the outdoor fun it brings, but by this time of year it feels like the cold and darkness have lasted long enough. For now, many of us are trying to keep our hopes up for spring, when the days will be longer, warmer and greener.

Good news. You can find proof that spring is on its way on the Department of Environmental Protection's (DEP's) Web pages, where, once again, Maine students are tracking the return of spring species around the state.

Elementary and middle school students statewide are currently participating in the fourth annual Jeeps Peepers Spring Watch project. Students are keeping watch in their neighborhoods for the return of robins and perking up their ears for choruses of spring peepers.

They are tracking when sugar maple buds burst forth with new leaves and dandelion flowers first appear on their school grounds. Participating classes are also making weather observations and noting the timing of ice-out in local water bodies.

Students send their observations to the DEP, where the data is summarized on maps and posted on the agency's Web site each week. The students can go on-line and compare their findings to other classes around the state to track the progression of spring. They can also compare the timing of spring between this year and the past three years.

While these students and teachers are busy tracking

spring's harbingers, they can also explore the issue of how our climate is changing. Even with the record-breaking cold we've had this past winter, on average spring is returning a little earlier each year. Students will learn more about what's happening and how scientists study changes in climate using glacial ice core sampling and pollen records.

Warmer weather may not sound like a bad thing, but it would put added stress on some of our valued native plant and animal species. Strain on valuable resources like our sugar maple trees could spell trouble for the maple syrup business for example. But don't despair — changing some of our own habits might really make a difference here.

In the coming weeks, students in grades four through eight will be learning and writing about our changing climate. In April, watch for the winners of this year's essay contest who will share their ideas about how saving energy can make a difference in our changing world.

And want to watch spring's journey through Maine? Go to www.maineDEP.com and click on the Jeeps Peepers link to learn more about this program. Then, you, too, can track where spring has sprung in our state.

"In our back yard" is a column of the Maine Department of Environmental Protection. E-mail your environmental questions to: info@dep.state.me.us or send them to: "In our backyard," Maine DEP, 17 State House Station, Augusta, ME 04333.

Our Back Pages

Compiled by JOHN BROWN

10 years ago: Nancy Hansen opened a new sewing shop next to Port Sports at the junction of Route 26 and Cross Street.

SAD44 superintendent Dewaine Craig was selected to serve as the vocational administrator of the Northern Oxford Vocational Area effective July 1.

Mt. Abram Ski Area in Locke Mills was scheduled to be put on the auction block on May 1 by the Oxford Bank and Trust Company to satisfy a 1988 loan of \$1 million.

Deaths: Richard N. Bryant, Leonard Maglione, Minnie May Hallet, Clare W. Gabriel.

20 years ago: Mr. and Mrs. Vernon (Tink) Brown observed their 40th wedding anniversary.

Bethel voters approved a Master Plan for the Bethel airport with a 97 to 86 tally by written ballot at the annual meeting.

Pvt. Martin L. Morgan, son of Gordon L. and J.C. Morgan, completed basic training at Fort Dix, N.J.

Darren Morse was the winner and Larry Austin runner-up at the SAD44 Spelling Bee. Both were from Locke Mills and eighth graders at Telstar Middle School.

Air Force Airman Kathryn M. Lessard, daughter of Leah S. and Joseph P. Deegan, had recently participated in a joint and combined U.S. and Republic of Korea military exercise.

Birth: Katherine Steele Wellford.

Deaths: Harold T. Nutting, Edwin J. Morton, Ethelyn M. Vashaw.

30 years ago: USAF Staff Sgt. Boyd P. Lane was stationed at Kinchloe AFB, Mich. A personnel specialist, he had previously served at Ubon Royal Thai AFB, Thailand.

Jackson-Silver Post 68, American Legion, celebrated its 54th birthday.

Pfc. Danny C. Wheeler had graduated from the Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego, Calif.

Ten new members were initiated into the National Honor Society at Telstar Regional High School: seniors Paula Benson, Margaret Gauthier, J. Ellen Greenleaf, Kathryn Young, juniors Susan Bryant, Mary Ann Chapin, Ellen Clark, Joye Johnston, Cathy Littlefield, Christine Twitchell.

Births: Peter Johnston Gault.

Deaths: James W. Kovacs, Mrs. Clark Snell, Melodie J. Emery, Everett J. Marshall.

40 years ago: Ed Quinn, Avery Angevine, Ernest Blake and Lewis Sargent had journeyed to Boseback Camps, Azischoos Lake, to clear the roofs of snow. They started the trip by snow travelers but had to travel the last six miles by snowshoe.

Fifty-one inches of snow was found on the roof of one of the buildings.

Mr. and Mrs. Elden Hathaway of Bryant Pond observed their 25th wedding anniversary.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Wight and six children, North Newry, was destroyed in a nighttime fire.

Five young ladies from the local area were among the 13 seeking to be Miss Oxford County. Taking part in the early April program will be Phyllis C. Kimball, Locke Mills; Roma N. Bennett, West Bethel; Norma Jean Kimball, Albany, Judith Myers and Linda Nickerson, both of Bethel.

Deaths: Katherine Leigh Everett, Carroll Verrill, Richard Robert Littlefield.

Deaths: Arthur E. Damon, Arthur E. Witham, Nina Bean Burnham, Max W. Linscott, Annie Blackadar Thompson.

50 years ago: David M. Ramsey Jr., a salesman from Brookline, Mass., lost his life when his car crashed into Pleasant River bridge, West Bethel.

Birth: Jeffery Arlon Twitchell.

Deaths: Clarence S. Wiggin, David M. Ramsey, Jr.

60 years ago: Aircraft recognition classes were held in the Gould Academy lecture hall.

70 years ago: The Bethel National Bank and the Bethel Savings Bank reopened after "bank holiday" since March 4.

90 years ago: The building known as the "old Goddard house" on Main Street and occupied by Fred Tibbetts, undertaker, was destroyed by fire.

Fritz J. Tyler was in Philadelphia, Pa., traveling for Wm. Silver and Co., Aberdeen, Md.

100 years ago: S. Aurelius Stevens of South Bethel was killed while working in the woods on Goss Mountain. He was suffocated by a horse falling on him.

CORRECTION

Born 30 years ago. The Looking Back column in The Citizen's March 6 edition should have noted that 30 years ago Sunshine Sessions entered, not departed, this world.

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Briefly

"New" truck for Newry Fire Dept.

NEWRY—The Fire Department has purchased an old ambulance from Bethel Rescue to use as a "squad truck," to carry miscellaneous equipment to fire scenes, Fire Chief Gary Wight told selectmen Tuesday. The 1989 vehicle was bought for \$2,001. Wight also said the department's 30-year-old ladder truck will soon be undergoing a two-phase maintenance project, involving degreasing/greasing the ladder assembly, and then replacing the bottom section of the ladder. The department is also looking into applying for a FEMA grant for a new ladder truck.

M-16 donated to police

BETHEL—Selectmen Monday accepted the donation of an M-16 assault rifle from Wayne Burpee of Summer, to be given to the Police Department. "The addition of this weapon would augment the Mini-14 rifle that the department already has in inventory, and allow me to equip each cruiser with a firearm that has a longer range capability than the shotguns we possess at this time," wrote Chief Darren Tripp in a letter requesting the board accept the gift.

Access Road work to go to bid

NEWRY—Selectmen Tuesday decided to put the work for the rebuilding of the Skiway Access Road out to formal bid. Voters at the annual Town Meeting March 3 approved \$384,000 for the one-mile project, but expressed concern the board had obtained only informal estimates for the work, rather than going to bid. D.A. Wilson and Commercial Paving had provided estimates for different parts of the project. Since then, the town has heard from several other contractors who are also interested.

Get your summer events in

BETHEL—Any businesses or organizations wishing to have their summer activities listed on the Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce Web site or in the Bethel Citizen's summer guide are asked to e-mail the information to rosalie@bethelmaine.com by April 4. The information may also be called in at 824-2282.

Benefit to help injured skier

NEWRY—Sunday River skiers and mountain management have joined forces to raise money to benefit Barbara Amburgey, a longtime Sunday River skier catastrophically injured in a skiing accident Dec. 8. The accident, which occurred when her bindings unexpectedly released, left her paralyzed from the shoulders down. A benefit event will take place April 5 in the ballroom of the Grand Summit Hotel from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m., and will feature a live and silent auction, buffet, cash bar and music. Auction items include an Old Town canoe, Marriott hotel packages, vacation packages to Hawaii, Prince Edward Island, St. Martins, and Martha's Vineyard, as well as gift certificates from Bethel area businesses. Tickets are \$25 (call 824-6408). Organizers hope to deliver a check for \$50,000 or more to Amburgey's family to help defray the cost of her rehabilitation.

Crafters sought for guidebook

BETHEL—A region-wide effort known as "HandMade in the Northern Forest" is currently accepting applications from artisans, crafters, gallery, museum and store managers who sell handmade objects to be included in a promotional guidebook for residents and visitors to be published spring 2004. Applications can be filled out online, before March 31, at www.handmadenorthernforest.com. "Handmade products of all types are produced daily by dozens of businesses throughout the Bethel area and western Maine. Many of these are micro-enterprises who lack the marketing dollars to really get the word out about their product or products," said Robin Zinchuk, executive director of the Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce. The guidebook will promote the cultural heritage of the region and help small businesses to sell locally made goods and services. The guide will feature listings of enterprises, product photos, product descriptions, maps and educational text that promote the region's heritage, people, products and places. Artists and others running businesses, galleries, museums, studios, and events that meet the criteria (listed on the Web site) and submit a completed application with the \$35 process fee will be listed.

Unemployment down from December

AUGUSTA—The seasonally adjusted January unemployment rate for Maine was 4.6 percent, down from 4.8 percent in December and up from 4.2 percent a year ago, according to State Labor Commissioner Valerie Landry. The Maine unemployment rate was well below the national January rate of 5.7 percent. "The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate fell slightly between December 2002 and January 2003 as the number of nonfarm wage and salary jobs rose by 1,200," said Landry. Between December 2002 and January 2003, seasonally adjusted nonfarm wage and salary jobs increased by 1,200 to 605,400. Job gains were recorded in several services industries. Job losses were largely in manufacturing. Between January 2002 and January 2003, seasonally adjusted nonfarm wage and salary jobs rose by 600. Gains were primarily recorded in educational and health services, leisure and hospitality services, and government. Mostly offsetting these gains, manufacturing jobs declined, with the largest losses in paper, wood products, and computer and electronic products. Other New England states reporting their seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for January include Massachusetts, 5.2 percent; Rhode Island, 5.1 percent; New Hampshire, 4.4 percent; and Vermont, 4.1 percent. Retail trade jobs dropped after the peak of the holiday season.

WWII POW Durgin honored

PARIS—Fifty-eight years after he was liberated from a Japanese prisoner of war camp, Stanley Durgin was awarded the Bronze Star and the Purple Heart for meritorious achievement. Durgin, who served in the U.S. Army Air Corps 27th Bombardment Group, 48th Materiel Squadron, received his medals in a ceremony Friday at the South Paris Veterans' Home. Durgin was one of the first Americans on active duty in the Philippines, sent there in November 1941, ahead of his outfit's airplanes. The planes were diverted following the attack on Pearl Harbor. The Air Corps was then transfigured into Provisional Infantry Battalions and sent into battle against the Japanese. After a long and lopsided fight that ended with a U.S. surrender, Durgin and other American troops began the 65-mile Bataan Death March to San Fernando. After two years in a POW camp in the Philippines, Durgin was transported to a camp in Japan. The award ceremony Friday was arranged and attended by U.S. Sen. Susan Collins.

Snowboard championships here

NEWRY—Approximately 80 Maine snowboard athletes will compete on a national stage next week, as Sunday River hosts the world's largest rider competition here. The United States of America Snowboard Association (USASA) is a five-day, five-discipline event that features slalom, giant slalom, halfpipe, slopestyle, and boardercross events, and draws the very best amateur snowboarders from across the country. Among the Maine athletes are a family of four — a father and his three children — and a boardercross competitor who recently captured a bronze medal in the World Junior Championships. Other longtime Sunday River riders and members of the resort's freeride team have also qualified for the Championships. Nearly 1,000 invited male and female athletes, ages 6 to over 60 and from across the country, will compete March 25 through March 29. They represent the top riders from the 37 USASA sanctioned snowboard series across the country. The competition will also feature the USASA Open Class, Pro/Am level competition, as a separate competition group, as well as the Adaptive Snowboarders divisions, which first appeared at the 2000 Nationals.

From the Bethel Police Log:

Friday, March 14

At 3 p.m. police investigate a vehicle rollover on the Sunday River Road.

Saturday, March 15

At 3:15 p.m. police assisted Bethel Rescue at a gravel pit on Route 26 with a report of an injury caused by snowmobile riding. There was no crash involved.

Sunday, March 16

At 12:37 p.m. on Route 2 Eric S. Graham, 25, of Dracut, Mass. was charged with operating under the influence.

This report highlights points of interest from the Bethel Police Department log. It lists all cases of adults being arrested or issued a criminal summons in the 10 days prior to the newspaper's publication, but does not include all reports of other police activity. To reach the Bethel Police Department, call 911 in emergency situations, 824-3437 in non-emergencies.

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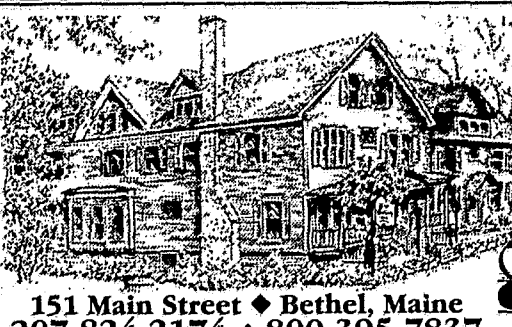
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ment project, an amount that would have paid for vinyl windows. But selectmen held the money for a year when voters asked for more information on wooden windows. Some said wood better suited the old building.

Examples of both styles of windows were on display Saturday, but in the end voters decided to set up a special committee to further study the options.

Voters also turned down an article to rescind last year's vote to take \$129,000 from the Surplus Account to reduce taxes this year.

Concerns had been raised by town officials that could leave Andover short of funds, with \$62,000 remaining in the account if the \$129,000 was used.

Also defeated — by a 21-22 vote — was a proposal to submit an application for a grant to help pay for replacing the East Andover Fire Station.

Replacing the station was discussed at a Town Meeting several years ago and rejected. But Dixon said Saturday he thought it was advisable to place a rescue vehicle on that side of town, as well as continue to provide shelter for a fire truck.

The current fire truck housed in the station is old, and is the only one that fits. Newer trucks are bigger, he said. Having the truck there also lowers insurance rates for nearby residents, town officials said.

Voters also turned down a request for \$6,000 to purchase computer software and equipment for electronic registrations at the Town Office.

Andover voters overwhelmingly rejected a proposal to spend \$50,000 on a town revaluation, which would have updated 1991 property values.

New bridge OK'd

Townpeople approved \$22,600 to build a new Learned Bridge on the Corneliussen Road. The present bridge was damaged by heavy trucks last year.

Also approved was \$65,000 for the transfer station, up \$10,000 over last year.

With regard to the station, Brian Mills said more material was going in the compactor than necessary, because much of it was recyclables. "If you follow the recycling process, what's left in the trash? Not much," he said.

Voters said yes to establishing a Capital Improvement Account for work on the recreation areas at the Grimaldi Field.

Mills said the Recreation Committee would like to move the town

tennis court, currently located near the town garage, to the area of the field. Otherwise, he said, the court is in need of serious repair.

In another article regarding a road name change, residents on the Corneliussen Road asked the name be formally changed to Skyline Drive. There had been confusion over which name was to be used for the 911 name on the private road, located in a subdivision.

Because renumbering would again be required if the name were to change, and because the road is private, voters decided to leave the decision up to the residents and Oxford County, which has responsibility for part of the road located in Andover Surplus.

Road commissioner Marshall Meisner received a round of applause after Delano praised his managing of the town's road accounts.

Town officials said Wednesday the total appropriated for the municipal budget (not including school and county shares) is \$642,967. Of that, \$522,967 will come from taxation, \$100,000 from excise taxes and \$20,000 from a block grant for a road project.

Tuesday vote results

On Tuesday, 61 voters went to the polls for a secret ballot to elect town officials. They narrowly elected Sandra Conrad to the town treasurer's position. Conrad defeated Judy Tabb 31-29.

Conrad has served in the position since January after being appointed to replace Dave Belanger.

Other incumbents ran unopposed and were reelected.

Kantele

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read some music. She said the kantele is a relatively easy instrument to learn.

After gaining some experience, the group, by then known as the Maine Kantele Consort, began performing for the Finnish American Society. They then moved on to school and festival performances. They often include "Amazing Grace" and the Finnish national anthem, "Maamme" (Our Land) in their program.

"We've even had a request to play at a wedding," she said.

Honkala has become so involved in the consort that she has put aside some of her other interests, at least for now, to focus on her music. "It's getting so it's taking all my time," she said.

Honkala's group will hold a benefit concert April 5 at Oxford Hills High School, starting at 2 p.m.

Bigger plans

Interest in the kantele continues to grow through the efforts of the consort and the formation of Kantele Lauhi (Song), Inc. by Cummings-Ridge and Hertz. The organization is dedicated to ad-

vancing kantele education and awareness in the U.S.

KLI is now planning a weeklong Maine Kantele Institute, to be held at Southern Maine Technical College in South Portland from July 20 to the 26th. Professional teachers from Finland will provide instruction for players of all levels. Other lessons will include kantele-building and Finnish folk-singing.

Honkala's group will hold a benefit concert to support the institute April 5 at Oxford Hills High School. The performance begins at 2 p.m., and will also include raffles and refreshments.

For more information on Kantele Lauhi, Inc. and its projects, contact Cummings-Ridge at kantele-lauhi@aol.com.

Chief

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"I want to assure the citizens of Bethel," he said, "that the current members of the Police Department are dedicated to providing the town with the law enforcement services its residents are accustomed to. Officer Dani Littlehale, a recent graduate of the Maine Criminal Justice Academy and certified officer, is more than qualified to provide services in my absence."

Tripp is expected to respond in

writing to the issues raised in his letter of suspension. Cole will then have the option of either reinstating or terminating him.

If he is terminated, he can appeal the action to the Board of Selectmen.

He told The Citizen he would, "I'm going to take this to the wall," he said.

A lifelong resident of the area, Tripp graduated from Telstar High

School in 1984 and joined the Bethel Police Department in 1989, after completing a five-year tour of duty in a U.S. Army military police unit.

He was appointed chief in March 1998, following the resignation of then Chief Dale Bellman, who had himself been on suspension for two months.

Tripp is married and has two daughters.

Flag

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During World War II, the Department of War issued specifications on the manufacture of the banner as well as guidelines indicating when, and by whom, the flag could be flown. The banner can be seen hanging in the front window

of Mrs. Ryan's house in the movie "Saving Private Ryan."

Blue Star Mothers and Gold Star Mothers organization were established during World Wars I and II, but were not embraced during the Korean or Vietnam wars with

nearly the same enthusiasm.

The American Legion decided to revive the tradition following the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001.

For more information on obtaining a banner, contact your local American Legion post.

Bats

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As for guano, the small size of any colony at the bridge would mean that very little of it would be produced.

"It will dry up and just blow

away in the wind," she said later.

And on the plus side, the bats' diet consists entirely of insects, so there should be fewer of those buzzing about the pathway this season.

The town Conservation Commission has signed off on the plan. "They're excited about it," Rossow said.

And local bat authority Seabury

Lyon is also advising the den on the project.

The Wolves, ages 8 and 9, plan to construct the bat home on April 5, in order to have it ready when the bats arrive for their summer stay.

The house, like its inhabitants, will probably not even be noticed by most passers-by. "It will be the same shape, same wood, cut pine, hardly visible at all," said Rossow.

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SUPPORT FOR THE TROOPS AND HOPES FOR PEACE

Jerry and Jeri Greenwell raise a Blue Star Service Banner Tuesday on the Bethel common, as Town Manager Scott Cole, an Army veteran, looks on. The banners, which read "We Honor Those Who Serve," originated in World War I. On Sunday night, the common was the site of a Peace Vigil. About 60 people lit candles and stood silently for a half hour, before concluding with the singing of "Give Peace a Chance."

(Photos by Alison Aloisio)

Bethel



by Virginia Keniston
Barbara Douglass hosted a neighborhood gathering at her new home on Eden Lane to introduce Lynn and Joe Arizzi from Fort Lauderdale, Fla. They have purchased the Ruth Wight home on Eden Lane. Twenty neighbors enjoyed the morning of Wednesday, March 12, to visit and meet their new neighbors.

Daffodils will be on sale at the Bethel Foodliner on March 27 from 9 a.m. The earnings from these

flowers will benefit the American Cancer society.

Visitors during the week with Amy Davis were Betsy Retallack of Beverly, Mass.; Tom Davis, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Maggie Davis, Northfield, Mass.; Andy and Pat Davis and children, James and Lindsay from North Berwick; Michael and Nora Davis from Norway; and Susan and Harvey White from Lisbon Falls.

Donald Rice, Donna and Alton Howe of Waterford honored their mother, Mary Keniston with a birthday dinner on the weekend. Her husband, Lefty, was also a guest.

Jacqueline Van Leuven is at her home following surgery and physical therapy at Maine Medical Center.

Oxford Hills Duplicate Bridge played a Howell movement on March 14, with three and one half

tables. First place was won by Cynthia Bonsey and Shirley Small. Sue Ellis and Don Johnson captured second place and newcomer Pete Cummings playing with Carol Curran took third place.

Sunday River Valley



by Rockie Graham
I am starting this in the team room which is a tiny room for our team to use. It is extremely hot in here even in winter, but there is a computer, a telephone, a table and chairs. I will finish later at home.

This weekend a friend fixed my "a" drive for me so I can save messages on floppies. I do that because

it somehow seems safer to me and doesn't fill up the hard drive. Probably not good thinking, but there it is. In any case, having disks enables me to start my column one place and finish it elsewhere. That is a big help when we're playing movable classrooms and I have time when I'm not in the classroom.

The weather has finally taken a turn for the better. Yesterday was so warm and sunny at midday that I was almost too hot. Of course, I still had cold weather layers on, so I'm not surprised that I was hot. It was a glorious day, though, and I almost got sunburn from being outside all day. I did spend time in the cardboard bin, but not too much time. Just enough to get that pesky cardboard stacked. I also spent time chucking plastic jugs onto the pile. It is amazing how many still throw the wrong kind of plastic in, but

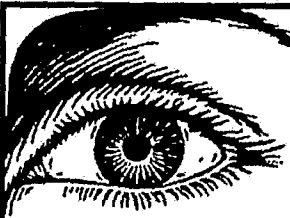
short of making them hand deliver each jug to someone, it is hard to figure out what to do. Perhaps the signs need to be larger or more graphic, i.e. pictures of actual containers or the containers that are allowable themselves. I'll think on it. I've actually been having a good time at the "Transfer Station." Clay and I work together on most items and it becomes a pleasant afternoon for the most part.

I must be becoming hardcore about recycling, again, because I just got back to our room and mentioned to the teacher leaving that the office paper bin is not the place to leave returnable bottles. I got back a lame excuse about at home that's the way we do it and separate later. Was she coming back later to do that? I think not. It is hard enough training the students; teachers should already be trained.

Next month is National Poetry

Month. Anyone with an idea how to celebrate it can forward them to me. E-mail a poem to George W. or Dick Chaney. Recite poetry at the post office. Send letters to the editor written in iambic pentameter. In any case, the Bethel Area Poets Society will be celebrating at the end of April and all are welcome to come. More about that at a later date. Our March meeting will be on the 27th — next week — at my house. As usual, all are welcome. It will be more pleasant now that the temperature will be warmer.

I am off, after school and chores, to a St. Patrick's Day dinner. I look forward to the food and more to the company. It's too hard to get isolated these days. Lynn cooked us up a great boiled dinner with corned beef, cabbage, potatoes and veggies — carrots, turnip and squash. It was great. Gloria, Esther and I ate all we could. Then, of



The Way I See It

by Sharon Bouchard

Sharon Bouchard's column is published by special arrangement with the Advertising Department of this newspaper.

VACATION! That has a nice sound to it, doesn't it? Especially when it's your vacation that's being discussed. I've waited a long time for this vacation to roll around and thank God, it's finally here.

I'm planning an adult vacation. That's not going away for a week of X-rated entertainment, that's a vacation without little children. I've put out the word that I'm not available this week to baby-sit the grandkids. I'm on vacation and it doesn't involve Fun Town, Santa's Village or Story Land. It's a vacation without Yatzee, color books or crayons littering the back seat of the car.

Please don't misunderstand me; I love little kids, especially my grandkids, but I did my vacation time with my own little kids and now they are grown up and have vacations of their own. Good for them, I'll leave them alone if they leave me alone.

Believe me when I say I've paid my dues on vacations with kids. I've spent many a vacation deflating my lungs blowing up inflatable swim toys only to see them get punctured by a sharp object on the first day to the beach. I've played License Plate Alphabet all the way up and down the coast of Maine, New Hampshire and Massachusetts. I once knew the location of every public bathroom within a 300-mile radius of home. Oh, yes, make no mistake about it; I've paid my dues.

I have even been stupid enough to give my children a Guinness Book of Records to occupy their travel time. Do you know what it's like to drive 150 miles hearing "Did you know? Can you guess? What's the biggest, smallest, fastest, slowest, shortest, tallest and longest of everything in the whole wide world?" Do yourself a favor and never get your kids the Guinness Book of Records to take

on the road. The only thing worse to travel with is a book of riddles and knock-knock jokes.

Like I said, don't get me wrong I do love kids and I used to enjoy vacation time with my own, I really did. I saw things through their eyes. I shared their enthusiasm over new and exciting things like finding life forms swimming in tidal pools. My husband and I used to make bets on when they would get carsick, have a fight or lose or break something important to them. I used to buy them special treats of snack cakes and ice cream bars and then I would eat



Believe me when I say I've paid my dues on vacations with kids.

them all when the kids were asleep. Gosh, I do miss that.

But, there are some nice advantages to having an adult-only vacation. If you decide to rent a bunch of movies, they can all have plots. You don't have to look for ones that involve dogs, animated characters or hand puppets. If a movie happens to have some sex and violence in it you don't have to fast forward through it or send tender little eyes and ears out of the room to go look for your slippers.

If you should decide to go to a museum, the exhibits can be bigger than two feet high. It's even okay if there are no push this, pull that, see how this works educational devices anywhere close at hand. If you choose to look at one particular exhibit and study it to your hearts content — you can actually do that. There are no little whiny voices saying, "This is boring." "Where's the bathroom?" "Do they have food here?" "Can we go now?" There's just you and

you can stare at whatever you want for as long as you want to.

Eating out in a restaurant is a different experience too when you don't have any little tykes in tow. For one thing, you can choose a restaurant that has breakable dishware. You don't have to worry about finding a place that has booster seats. Placemats don't have to have pictures to color. You can eat your whole meal by yourself without anyone wanting a taste. And not once do you have to cut up anyone's meat, wipe anyone's chin or remind anyone to sit still and don't drop any food on the floor. You don't even have to take anyone to the bathroom unless it's your self.

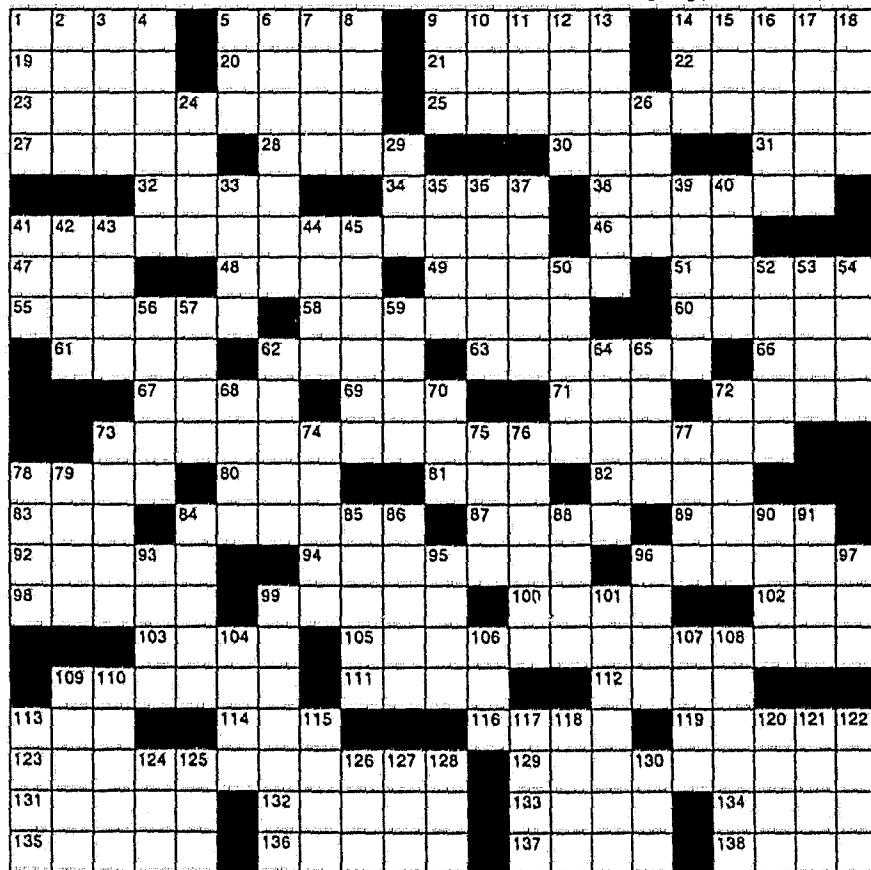
A trip to a gift shop is a little more calmer experience too than when you have young ones teasing for this and that. You have a little more money to spend on what you want to buy instead of spending it on kaleidoscopes and snow globes. Isn't it amazing that you can be at a gift shop anywhere in the world and the kids are still going to pick something that they could get at any store in your hometown? There is just no figuring the little buggers out.

There are, however, some things about vacations that just don't seem right without the benefit of children. Squirt guns and watermelon seed fights seem to miss their mark without the giggling enthusiasm of kids. A carnival or amusement park holds no mystery when you view the bright lights and the cotton candy through adult eyes. So many things really aren't the same.

The way I see it, for a quiet, peaceful vacation, doing what you want to do when you want to do it, take an adult vacation. As for me, well, I guess I'll see if the grandkids are interested in going to Santa's Village after all.

Super Crossword

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| 32 Alaskan port | 82 Snaky swimmers | 133 Mythical vessel | 29 Sturm — | 79 "Clint's" "Ditch" | 124 Berry or Olin |
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ANSWERS — Back page

course, this being Lynn, dessert was mandatory. We had homemade ice cream with chocolate served with berries and sauce. It was scrumptious. I will hear about it tomorrow, but it tasted good enough to eat and I did. We had a fun evening.

Speaking about food, don't forget the Rotary Breakfast this Sunday, the 23rd, at Gould. They always have a good spread. And such a deal. It is certainly more than I can eat.

That is all for this week. We survived the Ides of March, now get out and enjoy the warmth and the sun. It may not last long. It sure is nice to go out without a coat, hats and mittens. Spring is my favorite time of year. Along with fall, I find the weather about the best.

Mason Township



by Richard Grover
I've been looking for just the right snowmobile for the past month, or so.

Last week, I finally got a '97 model that I like pretty well. It's big enough for two people, has front and rear hand warmers, reverse and so forth. I still need to add a trailer hitch, but otherwise, it's ready to go. Mona even approves of the suspension that gives a nice soft ride. I haven't ridden it much, but have managed to get it stuck twice, to the extent that it took a lot of shoveling to get it out. Once you break through that crust, there isn't much traction, especially on an uphill grade. On the trail the "sled" will go faster than I dare to ride, and they make engines twice as big as the one I got. Boy, we'll have the best groomed x-country ski trails in Mason next winter.

With the promise of some warm days in the forecast, I got out the "sapping" equipment and shoveled out the outdoor fireplace. Over the weekend, I tapped all the trees I had buckets for, so now all I need is the right weather — cold nights and warm days. I tell you it's a struggle trying to walk through knee-deep snow when the crust will almost, but not quite, hold you up. I hate it, until I get a trail tread down. I think I need to get snowshoes for Snuffy, too. He keeps bogging down just when he sees a squirrel to chase.

I have decided that the hardest part of being an inspector general (IG) is writing up an inspection that

is not as good as it probably should be. One wants to be honest, but at the same time, one hates to disparage the efforts of someone who is trying to do a good job. I try to sprinkle good news in with the bad.

Thought for the week: "The best vitamin for developing friends is B1." Bits and Pieces, February 2003.

North Newry



by Gil Seeley
The Newry Mothers Club met on March 10. Those attending were Patty Lowell,

Karlene Bachelder, Gil Seeley, Sarah Berry and Nancy Wight. It was voted to have a tree planted at the Newry Grange Hall.

Jody and Julie Littlefield were here in North Newry visiting their grandparents, Ras and Karlene Bachelder, one day last week. Sue and Owen Wight have been having church services at their home until the Newry Community Church opens in April. "When the weather permits."

It was a sad winter for the snowmobile riders. Sixteen fatal accidents so far. It's time to store them away till next winter.

I counted 20 doves in my yard Tuesday, the 11th, besides a lot of small birds, squirrels, etc. But no robins, yet.

Kevin Wight and Gavin Parker celebrated their 14th birthdays at a joint party with approximately 24 friends. The group had a great time swimming.

On March 9, a family and friends birthday party helped Kevin Wight celebrate his birthday. Attending were Jason and Sarah Berry, Jeff, Sheila, Casey and Mike Fleet of Hanover, Terri and Dani Littlehale, Katy G., Nancy Wight, Brad, Brenda, Katie and Kurt Wight, Ed Powers, and Tom Albrecht. Mike Wight sent a gift. Kevin's mom made two birthday cakes for the occasion.

Katie Wight was given a birthday party on March 13 (her birthday is March 19) with family and friends attending as follows: John and Nancy Wight, Terri and Dani Littlehale, Sheila and Mike Fleet, Katy G., Brad, Brenda, Kurt and Kevin Wight. Mom Brenda made two birthday cakes. Mike Wight sent a gift.

Loretta Berry recently returned from a visit with her daughter, Mandy, in Boca Raton, Fla. She

also visited Alex Johnson while there, plus family and friends at Daytona Beach.

Happy Birthday to Kevin Wight on March 8, Katie Wight on March 19th, and Mandy Berry on March 23.

East Bethel



by Nancy Mercer
Nina Mollicone had a 50th birthday party at her home on March 15. Alice Grant, several

friends and neighbors and co-workers from the Rumford Hospital all wished her many more birthdays.

Dori Hallman of Durham visited Arlene Harrington on March 15 and 16.

If you have a chance, go see "Chicago" — for the music if nothing else.

On March 12, Pat and Ted Carter hosted a birthday supper for Earl Coolidge. The supper also celebrated Ted's birthday.

On March 12, Louise and Roger Twitchell, Dana and Millie Jackson, Dot Bartlett and Nancy Mercer attended the Bethel Senior Citizens Club meeting and luncheon at the Methodist Church.

Have a nice week. Spring might be coming after all.

Hanover



by Clem Worcester
Andy Howe grew up in Hanover. He is the son of Gordon and Joan Howe and

he now lives in Alabama. Last fall, Andy was diagnosed with Lou Gehrig's Disease. The rapidly advancing condition has caused Andy to stop working. His eight-year-old daughter, DJ, wrote a letter to President George W. Bush seeking help for her father's health problems.

Although the president was not able to help, the news media picked up on the story and it appeared in many newspapers. A person called Andy, who had similar problems and had gone to a clinic in Mexico where he was much improved from treatments that are not authorized in the USA. The Howe family contacted the doctor that provides the treatment and they are currently staying in Brownsville, Texas, while Andy travels daily in to Mexico for treatment. In April,

the Howe family will be in Washington, D.C., to testify at congressional hearings about the disease and the need for treatments. Everyone wishes Andy and his family the very best.

The Knights of Pythias John F. Burton Memorial Bowling Tournament was in Brewer on March 6. The Cabot Lodge team was there in full force. The team, consisting of Captain Craig Turner and bowlers Orville Meisner, Freeman Farrington, Keith Farrington and Clem Worcester, took seventh place out of 16 teams. Next year, the tournament will be at Oxford Lanes in Rumford.

Andover



by Joan Stinson Carney
Former long-time resident of Andover, Mae Maddix, passed away last week.

My condolences to her family and friends, especially to her daughter, Bernice. Bernice and I were very close friends growing up and Mae was like a second mother to me. I spent so much time in her house. She was a wonderful person and will be greatly missed.

Andover resident Joe Hall was very seriously injured in a snowmobile accident. He is in Central Maine Medical, Lewiston, recovering from his extensive injuries. His parents are Darlene and Bobby Hall — cards would be nice.

Karen McKay has broken her wrist. I don't know if it's the same one she broke a while ago or the other one. A card would be nice.

The reason the Town Hall was decorated in black for Town Meeting was not because of Town Meeting, it was to celebrate the 40th birthday of Shelly Downs and her twin sister, Sherry Davis. The party was held Saturday evening after Town Meeting. Happy Birthday, ladies — forty is nothing, believe me, wait until you hit sixty. You can ask Nancy Wardwell, (and me), about that experience. Happy Birthday, Nancy.

The next meeting of the "Library Oldies but Goodies" will be held on Tuesday, March 25 from 1 to 3 p.m. downstairs at the library. If you haven't attended a gathering yet, I strongly suggest you do so. They have a lot of fun.

Last week, I wrote that the notices for bids on the town-acquired piece of property on the South Arm Road would be printed in The Bethel Citizen and The Rumford Falls Times; this was wrong information. Due to a lack of time, the bid no-

tices were printed in the Sun Journal on Friday, March 14, and Monday, March 17. Bids have to be in the Town Office by Tuesday, March 25 by 2 p.m. All bids must start at \$1,500. All bids must include a check for a \$50 deposit, and must be sealed. Please write Bid for South Arm Property on the envelope. Checks will be returned to all bidders except the winner, sorry for the mistake.

The "Book of the Week" is a good one. "The Vanished Man" by author Jeffrey Deaver combines magic and murder and keeps your interest to the last page.

See 'ya.

Locke Mills



by Lorraine Larson
The Tri-Town Auxiliary met March 10 with 12 members present at the

ambulance barn at 6:30 p.m. The auxiliary is selling tickets for a wall hanging, size 27x33. Call Patty Howe at 665-2122 or Doreen Wilber at 674-2346 for information if interested. Also, in a discussion on the Booster Club, it was noted that 22 tickets haven't been sold. For information about tickets call Anita Hakala at 527-2234 or Doreen Wilbur at 674-2346. The Auxiliary members decided to have an Easter Bake Sale on April 19, from 9 to 2 p.m. at the ambulance barn. There will be pies, breads, fudge, and cream puffs among other goodies for sale. If anyone would like to make something for the food sale, please get in touch with Patty at 665-2122 or Doreen at 674-2346. Anyone interested in coming to the next meeting, give Doreen a call. The next meeting will be at the ambulance barn in West Paris at 6:30 p.m. on April 14. Please come and join us. We can use all the support we can get to get Tri-Town in the groove again. Submitted by Elizabeth Cummings, secretary.

I hope by the time you read this we will have had some of the warm weather the forecasters have promised us for this week. It certainly is not very warm as I write this. I talked with Norma today and she said they had had an inch of snow and it was still coming down there in Lewiston. We got a dusting and that was it, but it did mist rain there for a while. I hope it wasn't slippery. I had a lazy day and stayed home.

I noticed in my column last week that I had made it sound as if Ralph thought I was cheating on the com-

puter game. Actually it was my cousin, Frank Flint, that I was talking with about the game when he called me last week. Ralph has the same attitude as I do. If the computer says you can, you can.

What a bummer to lose Becky Shaw in such a tragic accident. I didn't know her except as a little girl growing up but her parents are members of the Greenwood Historical Society, so I know them and I know everyone is sorry this had to happen. We do offer our sincerest condolences to her parents, husband, children and other relatives. May it give you some measure of comfort to know that others care.

We also offer our sincerest condolences to the families of Ronald Stevens and Carolyn Brooks. It is always hard to lose someone even if they have lived long and fulfilling lives as these two had. We pray, also, that you may be comforted by the love of those around you and the memories you share.

I was pleased to be able to have lunch with my pastor's wife, Kathy Mason, on Wednesday. Kathy brought some sandwich makings and chips and I supplied some soft drink and we had fun eating and talking, not necessarily in that order. It was good to have sort of an indoor picnic because right now my house is in no condition to have a formal dinner. But we are working on it a bit every day and I expect when the weather gets warmer we will be inspired to do more, at least I hope so. And maybe my back will feel better with the warmth. I know Norma says she is a better weather predictor than the weatherman just by the feel of her bones and muscles.

Callie Colby of West Greenwood was able to pick her way through the maze of boxes and had a nice visit with us on Saturday. She brought me a gadget that will go on and give light when the electricity goes off, having heard my story about my problems getting to a light the last time the lights went out. I think the one about setting one of my cats tail on fire with my candle was the one that did it. Luckily it was Peaches who has been with me since she was five weeks old. I've nursed her through several illnesses and she doesn't panic easily, and I was able to get it out quickly. She did give me a bit of a look and then went off to a corner and washed her tail all up. But that is why I don't use candles around here except as a last resort. I needed something for light in order to be able to find my flashlight but now I have that nice gadget Cal brought me so I should be all set. Ralph has a nice battery lantern, too. But he wasn't here that night.

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Bethel Recreation Board

Baseball/Softball Program 2003

We would like to see all baseball and softball players on 22 March. Placements will occur from 9:00-12:00 for baseball and softball at the Gould Field House. You will be able to register your child for the upcoming season during this session.

Parental Permission Form
Please complete this permission form and return to the Bethel Town Office on or before April 11, 2003. There is a registration fee of \$10 per player or \$15 per family for Bethel Residents. Non-Residents will pay \$15 per player or \$20 for a family. Only Bethel residents and children who live in towns or townships that do not have baseball or softball teams may sign up in Bethel.

NAME OF PARTICIPANT: _____

PARENT'S NAME: _____

ADDRESS BOTH POST OFFICE BOX AND RESIDENT ADDRESS: _____

DATE OF BIRTH: _____ PHONE NUMBER: _____

I hereby give permission for my child to participate in the BASEBALL/SOFTBALL Programs sponsored by the Bethel Recreation Board. I agree to abide by the rules set forth by the Recreation Board.

Signature of parent/guardian _____

Participants shirt size please circle one: (T-Ball sizes 8-10 10-12)
What team did your child play for last season? _____
Are there any medical conditions that we should be aware of? _____

Circle the level you would like your child to be placed at: (age levels are determined as of August 1, 2003). T-Ball players must be 5 years old by June 1, 2003.

T-Ball (age 5-9)
Rookie (age 7-9) coach pitches Babe Ruth (age 13-15)
Minor (age 9-12) Minor Softball (age 8-11)
Bambino/Major (age 9-12) Major Softball (age 11-14)

PLEASE SIGN BELOW IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN COACHING A TEAM OR BEING AN ASSISTANT COACH: _____

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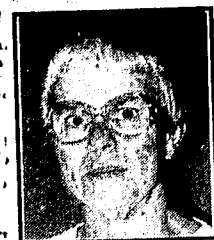
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Thursday, March 20, 2003

The Bethel Citizen

Anyhow I am rambling, maybe because it is a little embarrassing to admit you set your cat's tail on fire. Don't forget that Town Meeting is just around the corner. Hope to see you there.

Bryant Pond



by Alice Hoyt

Franklin Grange 124 met for a regular meeting on Saturday, March 8 with 17 present. A degree day will be held here on March 30 starting at 3 p.m., with two degrees held before supper and two after supper. It was voted to give a donation to Project Graduation. Olive asked if anyone wanted to make slippers (knit or crochet) for the service men and women overseas. Bertha DeHaas and Althea Fish were reported as sick. The program was as follows: opening thought, Peggy Blake; song, "Peggy O'Neil"; reading, What is St. Patrick's Day, by Olive Risko; music by Dot Canwell, Richard Felt and Gerald Easter; quiz about St. Patrick's days; Dot Canwell whistled; more music by Dot, Richard and Gerald; poem on St. Patrick's Day by Alice Hoyt; closing thought, Peggy Blake; closing song, "When Irish Eyes are Smiling." An apple square contest was won by Helvi Cary and Russell Yates. A dinner was held after the meeting.

Judith Grover Tent 17 Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War met on Monday, March 10, at the home of Alice Hoyt with 12 members present. A new member, Althea Jean Cary, was initiated. It is always good to have new members. Two more officers were installed: Elena Noyes as chaplain, and color bearer 3, Tiffany Jordan. It was voted to order one 5x8 flag, one 3x5 flag and two gross of small flags for the cemeteries. It was voted to give a donation to Project Graduation. The tent will put on the April dinner for the Senior Citizens at the Grange Hall on April 3. Members are making slippers, called "toasty toes," for veterans. Twenty-nine calls were reported. Michelle Cary received the mystery package. Next meeting is April 14 at the Grange Hall. Helvi and Michelle Cary are on the refreshment committee.

Services at the Baptist Church are Sunday School fellowship at 8:55 a.m., Sunday School and Adult Bible fellowship at 9:15 a.m., Morning Worship at 10:30 a.m., choir practice at 5 p.m., Evening Service at 6 p.m. Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. is Prayer Meeting and Patch the Pirate Club. On March 30, Craig Hartman, missionary to the Jewish people of New York, will be presenting, "Christ in the Passover."

The quilting girls have finished another quilt and there may be another class in the fall. Thanks, Althea.

Sympathy to the Keniston and Dr. Shaw families.

Don't forget Town Meeting is coming up on March 31.

At the March meeting of the Historical Society, the last half of the "Midwife's Tale" was shown. During the business meeting Curator Larry Billings discussed handouts he had passed around. President

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Olive Risko and Ruth Cox collaborated on a research report. Olive also noted the Legion Auxiliary wants volunteers to knit slippers for American troops. You can contact her if you are interested. Annella Burnham provided refreshments. Fundraising was considered but postponed for the present. The April meeting will feature a video on old telephone systems. The meeting will be held at the museum. The museum is now as great on the outside as the inside with the clothespin sign looking so good. Curator Larry says he once thought the building was a little plain, but no more. The society members take their responsibilities seriously. The curator gave the society a copy of George Bernard Shaw's play, "Arms and the Man."

South Woodstock



by Andrea Wing

Several from this area attended the baby shower for Torrey Poland on March 9. It was held in the Ledgeview Nursing Home activity room. Torrey received many nice gifts for her baby-boy-to-be. We wish her and her husband, Heath, the best of everything.

Sympathy goes out to the family and friends of Geraldine Urquhart, who died this past week.

Warren Powers is a patient at Norway Rehabilitation and Living Center in Norway. We hope he feels better real soon.

Be sure to attend Woodstock Town Meeting on March 31 at the Elementary School Gym. Many important articles are to be voted on.

Spring cleaning is coming right up. I am always so glad when I can get the winter dust and dirt out of the way and open windows. I usually have someone help me.

Tommy Poland and Cleo Ryserson enjoyed lunch together at Steve's Lunch in Oxford.

Quote of the Week: "I've learned that the best thing to save for old age is your friends."

Greenwood City



by Rena Curtis

Another week and the weekend turned out to be rather enjoyable. Albert and

Marie Curtis and I went down to Freeport to visit my daughters and families, Colista and Stephen Cogswell and Glenn and Lillian Strait. When we got there, my oldest son, Walter, and his wife, Laurie of Kingsbury were there. Colista had had some more treatments so wasn't feeling very well.

Timothy Curtis had his daughter, Jaselle, for a few days. They were here to see me and also visited his parents, Carl and Betty Curtis.

Bonnie Whitman was at her par-

Improv and jazz

On Friday, April 4, Debi Irons, improvisational dancer, and Tom Zicarelli, jazz saxophonist, will be the featured artists in the Mahosuc Arts Council's Meet the Artists series. The series highlights the life stories and work of selected artists living and working in Oxford County and is funded in part by the Maine Community Foundation.

Irons is a native of Norway, and mother of two sons, who performs variant dance styles including modern, jazz, blues, Latin and spiritual. Her passion is improvisation. She has danced in Brazil, Japan, and on both coasts of the United States. In 2002 Oxford Hills hosted the first Art Moves into the school's Summer Dance Festival, produced and directed by Irons, with student and professional show and master classes. She is also forming the Maine Dance PROject to showcase professional dancers and choreographers in Maine and raise their standard of living.

Zicarelli is a graduate of Northwestern University and Berklee College of Music. He was appointed to Gould Academy in 1998 and teaches technology and music. He has also been a bandleader and a teacher of music. He composed the title track for a new Molly Flannery Quintet album, Slow Dance at the Asylum, playing the saxophone on most of the album's songs. He has even spent a year as a Weather Observer on the top of Mount Washington.

Together Irons and Zicarelli will present an evening of improvisational dance and saxophone music along with their life stories.

The final featured artist in the Meet the Artist series will be Joe Perham, Maine humorist and storyteller on May 2. All programs take place from 7 to 8 p.m. in the Trustee's Auditorium of the new McLaughlin Science Center on the Gould Academy campus. Audience members will get a chance to further meet with the artists at the receptions following each program. Seating is limited to 50 and reservations are strongly recommended. Admission per event is \$5 adults, \$2 students. For more information, please contact the Mahosuc Arts office at 824-3575.

ents, Albert and Marie Curtis, this past weekend.

Carl Curtis was up to have coffee with me this weekend.

Ann Payne was down to Blue Hill doing some special education work for the Department of Education. While there she had dinner with Dewaine and Sarah Craig (he was superintendent at our school system a few years ago).

Brad and Ann Payne went snowmobiling, after which they went to Millbrook Tavern at the Bethel Inn for dinner one day recently.

Ann Payne visited her Aunt Colista Morgan at South Paris. She is feeling better.

David Holt from Norway and Robert and Jenny Holt from Windsor visited Fay and Leonas Holt on Sunday, after which they visited their Aunt Colista Morgan.

That's it for this week. Have a safe and good week.

West Paris



by Joyce Lamb

On March 23, the Rev. Joy Gasta will have as her sermon topic, "Celebrating the

Spring Equinox" — how it looks different here than in England. The service is at 9 a.m. Jim Burke is the organist.

Cabin Fever Countdown continues at the Universalist Church on Thursday, March 20. Lunch of fish chowder, Reuben sandwiches, dessert, and beverage will be served at noon for \$4. For the games and puzzles that follow there is no charge. Come and join in for one or both of these activities.

On Monday, March 24, the Universalist women's group, Goodwill Fellowship, will meet with Nancy Willard for a potluck supper and business meeting. If Nancy's

driveway is icy, the meeting will be at the church.

On Sunday, Grandmothers Florence McLaughlin and Joyce Lamb attended a family gathering in Auburn to celebrate the birthdays of their twin granddaughters, Kyra and Kelly. Also attending were Grandmother Jude of Lamoine and Melvin Young of Paris.

The shoulder is much better. Physical therapy at the hospital twice a week with self exercises twice a day at home is working well. I may be able to reach all the shelves in the cupboards before long. What a feeling of freedom to drive the car to get my own groceries. It had been two months since I had restocked the pantry. So off to Auburn. Beryl Bonney helped me fill my grocery cart. We almost bought out the store.

The life of Buffy has been real quiet for months. As the days lengthen and the sun turns warmer, he is anxious to get outside and visit the neighbors. There is a nice hard crust over all, so he is walking on top of his summer world. We have not sighted, as yet, the large, sleek Siamese that lives across the road.

West Paris



by Bertha DeHaas

West Paris Grange 298 held its St. Patrick's Day program on Thursday evening,

March 6, with an excellent program put on by its lecturer, Anna Swan. Irish music was provided by Dot Canwell on the piano and Richard G. Felt and Jerry Easter on the harmonicas. Irish jokes and stories were done by a group of eight, dressed in green for the occasion, with special Irish hats, namely Wendell Easter, Nancy Dewing,

Mary Hoover, Jackie Stevens, Russell Yates, Marion Morton, Peter Collette and Gordon Abbott.

A second group of four taking part in the program was Russell Yates, Earl Andrews, Eloise Collette and Gloria Abbott. West Paris Grange's next meeting will be a mystery ride on Thursday, April 3. More details later.

Michelle Marois, formerly of Michelle's Kountry Kuts, Route 26, West Paris, now of Smart Style Salon at Wal-Mart in Oxford, presented her employee, Danielle Bennett, with a "Best Team Player" certificate this past week. Congratulations, Danielle. Way to go.

West Paris School News — The West Paris PTO members will be attending a PTO seminar in Massachusetts on March 22 and learn about fundraising for school projects, playground equipment, etc. Also extracurricular activities and the means to fund them in these hard times. The PTO is also starting a "Pumpkin Project" under the direction of Chairman Ben Church. He is looking for people to donate time, energy and materials such as fencing, manure and seeds. For more information, contact 674-2332.

MaryKay Marston is chairperson for the "Boxtops for Education" project and is excited that they have completed their first campaign. She made the project fun by rewarding the kids with a pizza party. The West Paris schools are still collecting Bostops for Education and the Campbell Soup labels for another such campaign. They are also collecting used printer ink cartridges for a recycling project. Drop off points are the Agnes L. Gray School office, Solar Graphics and the Town Office. There are two PTO positions open at this time: volunteer coordinator and fundraising coordinator. Come out and help us to grow.

East Stoneham



by Eleanor Nelson

Hi readers. Between sips of hot homemade cocoa, made from scratch, will try and

write something for the column. Things made from "scratch" are really better for you than from a mix, and it is a way to save money, too. It also tastes better. I even wash and use over my Ziploc bags.

My son shakes his head over that, but hey, why not?

Speaking of food, have you people gotten your corned beef and cabbage yet? We did and it's on cooking right now. We couldn't wait for St. Patrick's Day. By then, we will probably be having hash, which is another thing I like. Let's face it, I like all food.

Can you believe it — today, Thursday, March 20, is the first day of spring. It's hard to believe anything the way the weather goes up and down lately. On Wednesday the temperature was 46 degrees outside and it was 10 below zero on Tuesday morning.

On March 7, Frances Grant went to Stephens Memorial Hospital for a few days, again, but is home now. This has been a hard winter all around.

Don't forget the Daughters of Union Veterans Tent 19 meeting at Ellie Smith's at Waterford Acres on Wednesday, March 26. See you there members.

I was interested to learn about the trip that Andy Chakoumakos made with his sled dogs recently. They did the four-day Can-Am 250 race in Fort Kent. They finished 10th in a field that started with 26 teams. Only 12 teams finished. Chakoumakos and his wife, Liz Como, have 24 dogs at their Winter Journeys kennel in Lovell and offer day journeys on weekends. They love their dogs as we do ours.

Wednesday night, March 12, there was a Planning Board meeting with a few items to be discussed and voted on. There were seven members present.

Wanda and Zachary Ryerson are at home now after visiting her sister in South Carolina.

From the

Bethel Rotary Club

This week in Rotary was Club Assembly. The Club Service Committee reported that the Dine Around was well attended and everyone enjoyed it. We'll try to do one quarterly. The program for April 15 will be an educational program on Rotary and sharing it with others. We'll need to keep our info board up to date by taking pictures at every event.

The Student Exchange Program is looking for candidates and host families. Three families can share a student and have reciprocity with the other country. Steve Wight will follow up seeking applications. Since the process takes a while, we need to move on it for 2004.

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course, this being Lynn, dessert was mandatory. We had homemade ice cream with chocolate served with berries and sauce. It was scrumptious. I will hear about it tomorrow, but it tasted good enough to eat and I did. We had a fun evening.

Speaking about food, don't forget the Rotary Breakfast this Sunday, the 23rd, at Gould. They always have a good spread. And such a deal. It is certainly more than I can eat.

That is all for this week. We survived the Ides of March, now get out and enjoy the warmth and the sun. It may not last long. It sure is nice to go out without a coat, hats and mittens. Spring is my favorite time of year. Along with fall, I find the weather about the best.

Mason Township



by Richard Grover

I've been looking for just the right snowmobile for the past month, or so.

Last week, I finally got a '97 model that I like pretty well. It's big enough for two people, has front and rear hand warmers, reverse and so forth. I still need to add a trailer hitch, but otherwise, it's ready to go. Mona even approves of the suspension that gives a nice soft ride. I haven't ridden it much, but have managed to get it stuck twice, to the extent that it took a lot of shoveling to get it out. Once you break through that crust, there isn't much traction, especially on an uphill grade. On the trail the "sled" will go faster than I dare to ride, and they make engines twice as big as the one I got. Boy, we'll have the best groomed x-country ski trails in Mason next winter.

With the promise of some warm days in the forecast, I got out the "sapping" equipment and shoveled out the outdoor fireplace. Over the weekend, I tapped all the trees I had buckets for, so now all I need is the right weather — cold nights and warm days. I tell you it's a struggle trying to walk through knee-deep snow when the crust will almost, but not quite, hold you up. I hate it, until I get a trail tread down. I think I need to get snowshoes for Snuffy, too. He keeps bogging down just when he sees a squirrel to chase.

I have decided that the hardest part of being an inspector general (IG) is writing up an inspection that

is not as good as it probably should be. One wants to be honest, but at the same time, one hates to disparage the efforts of someone who is trying to do a good job. I try to sprinkle good news in with the bad.

Thought for the week: "The best vitamin for developing friends is B1." Bits and Pieces, February 2003.

North Newry



by Gil Sealey

The Newry Mothers Club met on March 10. Those attending were

Karlene Bachelder, Gil Sealey, Sarah Berry and Nancy Wight. It was voted to have a tree planted at the Newry Grange Hall.

Jody and Julie Littlefield were here in North Newry visiting their grandparents, Ras and Karlene Bachelder, one day last week.

Sue and Owen Wight have been having church services at their home until the Newry Community Church opens in April. "When the weather permits."

It was a sad winter for the snowmobile riders. Sixteen fatal accidents so far. It's time to store them away till next winter.

I counted 20 doves in my yard Tuesday, the 11th, besides a lot of small birds, squirrels, etc. But no robins, yet.

Kevin Wight and Gavin Parker celebrated their 14th birthdays at a joint party with approximately 24 friends. The group had a great time swimming.

On March 9, a family and friends birthday party helped Kevin Wight celebrate his birthday. Attending were Jason and Sarah Berry, Jeff, Sheila, Casey and Mike Fleet of Hanover, Terri and Dani Littlehale, Katy G., Nancy Wight, Brad, Brenda, Katie and Kurt Wight, Ed Powers, and Tom Albrecht. Mike Wight sent a gift. Kevin's mom made two birthday cakes for the occasion.

Katie Wight was given a birthday party on March 13 (her birthday is March 19) with family and friends attending as follows: John and Nancy Wight, Terri and Dani Littlehale, Sheila and Mike Fleet, Katy G., Brad, Brenda, Kurt and Kevin Wight. Mom Brenda made two birthday cakes. Mike Wight sent a gift.

Loretta Berry recently returned from a visit with her daughter, Mandy, in Boca Raton, Fla. She

also visited Alex Johnson while there, plus family and friends at Daytona Beach.

Happy Birthday to Kevin Wight on March 8, Katie Wight on March 19th, and Mandy Berry on March 23.

East Bethel



by Nancy Mercer

Nina Mollicone had a 50th birthday party at her home on March 15. Alice Grant, several

friends and neighbors and co-workers from the Rumford Hospital all wished her many more birthdays.

Dori Hallman of Durham visited Arlene Harrington on March 15 and 16.

If you have a chance, go see "Chicago" — for the music if nothing else.

On March 12, Pat and Ted Carter hosted a birthday supper for Earl Coolidge. The supper also celebrated Ted's birthday.

On March 12, Louise and Roger Twitchell, Dana and Millie Jackson, Dot Bartlett and Nancy Mercer attended the Bethel Senior Citizens Club meeting and luncheon at the Methodist Church.

Have a nice week. Spring might be coming after all.

Hanover



by Clem Worcester

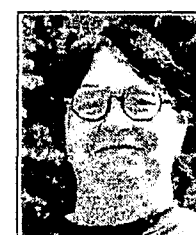
Andy Howe grew up in Hanover. He is the son of Gordon and Joan Howe and

he now lives in Alabama. Last fall, Andy was diagnosed with Lou Gehrig's Disease. The rapidly advancing condition has caused Andy to stop working. His eight-year-old daughter, DJ, wrote a letter to President George W. Bush seeking help for her father's health problems. Although the president was not able to help, the news media picked up on the story and it appeared in many newspapers. A person called Andy, who had similar problems and had gone to a clinic in Mexico where he was much improved from treatments that are not authorized in the USA. The Howe family contacted the doctor that provides the treatment and they are currently staying in Brownsville, Texas, while Andy travels daily in to Mexico for treatment. In April,

the Howe family will be in Washington, D.C., to testify at congressional hearings about the disease and the need for treatments. Everyone wishes Andy and his family the very best.

The Knights of Pythias John F. Burton Memorial Bowling Tournament was in Brewer on March 6. The Cabot Lodge team was there in full force. The team, consisting of Captain Craig Turner and bowlers Orville Meisner, Freeman Farrington, Keith Farrington and Clem Worcester, took seventh place out of 16 teams. Next year, the tournament will be at Oxford Lanes in Rumford.

Andover



by Joan Stinson Carney

Former long-time resident of Andover, Mae Maddix, passed away last week.

My condolences to her family and friends, especially to her daughter, Bernice. Bernice and I were very close friends growing up and Mae was like a second mother to me I spent so much time in her house. She was a wonderful person and will be greatly missed.

Andover resident Joe Hall was very seriously injured in a snowmobile accident. He is in Central Maine Medical, Lewiston, recovering from his extensive injuries. His parents are Darlene and Bobby Hall — cards would be nice.

Karen McKay has broken her wrist, I don't know if it's the same one she broke a while ago or the other one. A card would be nice.

The reason the Town Hall was decorated in black for Town Meeting was not because of Town Meeting, it was to celebrate the 40th birthday of Shelly Downs and her twin sister, Sherry Davis. The party was held Saturday evening after Town Meeting. Happy Birthday, ladies — forty is nothing, believe me, wait until you hit sixty. You can ask Nancy Wardwell, (and me), about that experience. Happy Birthday, Nancy.

The next meeting of the "Library Oldies but Goodies" will be held on Tuesday, March 25 from 1 to 3 p.m. downstairs at the library. If you haven't attended a gathering yet, I strongly suggest you do so. They have a lot of fun.

Last week, I wrote that the notices for bids on the town-acquired piece of property on the South Arm Road would be printed in The Bethel Citizen and The Rumford Falls Times; this was wrong information. Due to a lack of time, the bid no-

tures were printed in the Sun Journal on Friday, March 14, and Monday, March 17. Bids have to be in the Town Office by Tuesday, March 25 by 2 p.m. All bids must start at \$1,500. All bids must include a check for a \$50 deposit, and must be sealed. Please write Bid for South Arm Property on the envelope. Checks will be returned to all bidders except the winner, sorry for the mistake.

The "Book of the Week" is a good one. "The Vanished Man" by author Jeffrey Deaver combines magic and murder and keeps your interest to the last page.

See 'ya.

Locke Mills



by Lorraine Larson

The Tri-Town Auxiliary met March 10 with 12 members present at the

ambulance barn at 6:30 p.m. The auxiliary is selling tickets for a wall hanging, size 27x33. Call Patty Howe at 665-2122 or Doreen Wilbur at 674-2346 for information if interested. Also, in a discussion on the Booster Club, it was noted that 22 tickets haven't been sold. For information about tickets call Anita Hakala at 527-2234 or Doreen Wilbur at 674-2346. The Auxiliary members decided to have an Easter Bake Sale on April 19, from 9 to 2 p.m. at the ambulance barn. There will be pies, breads, fudge, and cream puffs among other goodies for sale. If anyone would like to make something for the food sale, please get in touch with Patty at 665-2122 or Doreen at 674-2346. Anyone interested in coming to the next meeting, give Doreen a call. The next meeting will be at the ambulance barn in West Paris at 6:30 p.m. on April 14. Please come and join us. We can use all the support we can get to get Tri-Town in the groove again. Submitted by Elizabeth Cummings, secretary.

I hope by the time you read this we will have had some of the warm weather the forecasters have promised us for this week. It certainly is not very warm as I write this. I talked with Norma today and she said they had had an inch of snow and it was still coming down there in Lewiston. We got a dusting and that was it, but it did mist rain there for a while. I hope it wasn't slippery. I had a lazy day and stayed home.

I noticed in my column last week that I had made it sound as if Ralph thought I was cheating on the com-

puter game. Actually it was my cousin, Frank Flint, that I was talking with about the game when he called me last week. Ralph has the same attitude as I do. If the computer says you can, you can.

What a bummer to lose Becky Shaw in such a tragic accident. I didn't know her except as a little girl growing up but her parents are members of the Greenwood Historical Society, so I know them and I know everyone is sorry this had to happen. We do offer our sincerest condolences to her parents, husband, children and other relatives. May it give you some measure of comfort to know that others care.

We also offer our sincerest condolences to the families of Ranald Stevens and Carolyn Brooks. It is always hard to lose someone even if they have lived long and fulfilling lives as these two had. We pray, also, that you may be comforted by the love of those around you and the memories you share.

I was pleased to be able to have lunch with my pastor's wife, Kathy Mason, on Wednesday. Kathy brought some sandwich makings and chips and I supplied some soft drink and we had fun eating and talking, not necessarily in that order. It was good to have sort of an indoor picnic because right now my house is in no condition to have a formal dinner. But we are working on it a bit every day and I expect when the weather gets warmer we will be inspired to do more, at least I hope so. And maybe my back will feel better with the warmth. I know Norma says she is a better weather predictor than the weatherman just by the feel of her bones and muscles.

Callie Colby of West Greenwood was able to pick her way through the maze of boxes and had a nice visit with us on Saturday. She brought me a gadget that will go on and give light when the electricity goes off, having heard my story about my problems getting to a light the last time the lights went out. I think the one about setting one of my cats tail on fire with my candle was the one that did it. Luckily it was Peaches who has been with me since she was five weeks old. I've nursed her through several illnesses and she doesn't panic easily, and I was able to get it out quickly. She did give me a bit of a look and then went off to a corner and washed her tail all up. But that is why I don't use candles around here except as a last resort. I needed something for light in order to be able to find my flashlight but now I have that nice gadget Cal brought me so I should be all set. Ralph has a nice battery lantern, too. But he wasn't here that night.

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Bethel Recreation Board Baseball/Softball Program 2003

We would like to see all baseball and softball players on 22 March. Placements will occur from 9:00-12:00 for baseball and softball at the Gould Field House. You will be able to register your child for the upcoming season during this session.

Parental Permission Form

Please complete this permission form and return to the Bethel Town Office on or before April 11, 2003. There is a registration fee of \$10 per player or \$15 per family for Bethel Residents. Non-Residents will pay \$15 per player or \$20 for a family. Only Bethel residents and children who live in towns or townships that do not have baseball or softball teams may sign up in Bethel.

NAME OF PARTICIPANT: _____

PARENT'S NAME: _____

ADDRESS BOTH POST OFFICE BOX AND RESIDENT ADDRESS: _____

DATE OF BIRTH: _____ PHONE NUMBER: _____

I hereby give permission for my child to participate in the BASEBALL/SOFTBALL Programs sponsored by the Bethel Recreation Board. I agree to abide by the rules set forth by the Recreation Board.

Signature of parent/guardian _____

Participants shirt size please circle one: (T-Ball sizes 8-10 10-12)

What team did your child play for last season? _____

Are there any medical conditions that we should be aware of? _____

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Anyhow I am rambling, maybe because it is a little embarrassing to admit you set your cat's tail on fire. Don't forget that Town Meeting is just around the corner. Hope to see you there.

Bryant Pond



by
Alice Hoyt

Franklin Grange 124 met for a regular meeting on Saturday, March 8 with 17 present. A degree day will be held here on March 30 starting at 3 p.m., with two degrees held before supper and two after supper. It was voted to give a donation to Project Graduation. Olive asked if anyone wanted to make slippers (knit or crochet) for the service men and women overseas. Bertha DeHaas and Althea Fish were reported as sick. The program was as follows: opening thought, Peggy Blake; song, "Peggy O'Neil"; reading, What is St. Patrick's Day, by Olive Risko; music by Dot Canwell, Richard Felt and Gerald Easter; quiz about St. Patrick's days; Dot Canwell whistled; more music by Dot, Richard and Gerald; poem on St. Patrick's Day by Alice Hoyt; closing thought, Peggy Blake; closing song, "When Irish Eyes are Smiling." An apple square contest was won by Helvi Cary and Russell Yates. A dinner was held after the meeting.

Judith Grover Tent 17 Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War met on Monday, March 10, at the home of Alice Hoyt with 12 members present. A new member, Althea Jean Cary, was initiated. It is always good to have new members. Two more officers were installed: Elena Noyes as chaplain, and color bearer 3, Tiffany Jordan. It was voted to order one 5x8 flag, one 3x5 flag and two gross of small flags for the cemeteries. It was voted to give a donation to Project Graduation. The tent will put on the April dinner for the Senior Citizens at the Grange Hall on April 3. Members are making slippers, called "toasty toes," for veterans. Twenty-nine calls were reported. Michelle Cary received the mystery package. Next meeting is April 14 at the Grange Hall. Helvi and Michelle Cary are on the refreshment committee.

Services at the Baptist Church are Sunday School fellowship at 8:55 a.m., Sunday School and Adult Bible fellowship at 9:15 a.m., Morning Worship at 10:30 a.m., choir practice at 5 p.m., Evening Service at 6 p.m. Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. is Prayer Meeting and Patch the Pirate Club. On March 30, Craig Hartman, missionary to the Jewish people of New York, will be presenting, "Christ in the Passover."

The quilting girls have finished another quilt and there may be another class in the fall. Thanks, Althea.

Sympathy to the Keniston and Dr. Shaw families.

Don't forget Town Meeting is coming up on March 31.

At the March meeting of the Historical Society, the last half of the "Midwife's Tale" was shown. During the business meeting Curator Larry Billings discussed handouts he had passed around. President

Olive Risko and Ruth Cox collaborated on a research report. Olive also noted the Legion Auxiliary wants volunteers to knit slippers for American troops. You can contact her if you are interested. Annella Burnham provided refreshments. Fundraising was considered but postponed for the present. The April meeting will feature a video on old telephone systems. The meeting will be held at the museum. The museum is now as great on the outside as the inside with the clothespin sign looking so good. Curator Larry says he once thought the building was a little plain, but no more. The society members take their responsibilities seriously. The curator gave the society a copy of George Bernard Shaw's play, "Arms and the Man."

South Woodstock



by
Andrea Wing

Several from this area attended the baby shower for Torrey Poland on March 9. It was held in the Ledgeview Nursing Home activity room. Torrey received many nice gifts for her baby-boy-to-be. We wish her and her husband, Heath, the best of everything.

Sympathy goes out to the family and friends of Geraldine Urquhart, who died this past week.

Warren Powers is a patient at Norway Rehabilitation and Living Center in Norway. We hope he feels better real soon.

Be sure to attend Woodstock Town Meeting on March 31 at the Elementary School Gym. Many important articles are to be voted on.

Spring cleaning is coming right up. I am always so glad when I can get the winter dust and dirt out of the way and open windows. I usually have someone help me.

Tommy Poland and Cleo Ryserson enjoyed lunch together at Steve's Lunch in Oxford.

Quote of the Week: "I've learned that the best thing to save for old age is your friends."

Greenwood City



by
Rena Curtis

Another week and the weekend turned out to be rather enjoyable. Albert and

Marie Curtis and I went down to Freeport to visit my daughters and families, Colista and Stephen Cogswell and Glenn and Lillian Strait. When we got there, my oldest son, Walter, and his wife, Laurie of Kingsbury were there. Colista had had some more treatments so wasn't feeling very well.

Timothy Curtis had his daughter, Jaselle, for a few days. They were here to see me and also visited his parents, Carl and Betty Curtis.

Bonnie Whitman was at her par-

Improv and jazz

On Friday, April 4, Debi Irons, improvisational dancer, and Tom Zicarelli, jazz saxophonist, will be the featured artists in the Mahoosuc Arts Council's Meet the Artists series. The series highlights the life stories and work of selected artists living and working in Oxford County and is funded in part by the Maine Community Foundation.

Irons is a native of Norway, and mother of two sons, who performs variant dance styles including modern, jazz, blues, Latin and spiritual. Her passion is improvisation. She has danced in Brazil, Japan, and on both coasts of the United States. In 2002 Oxford Hills hosted the first Art Moves into the school's Summer Dance Festival, produced and directed by Irons, with student and professional show and master classes. She is also forming the Maine Dance PROject to showcase professional dancers and choreographers in Maine and raise their standard of living. Zicarelli is a graduate of Northwestern University and Berklee College of Music. He was appointed to Gould Academy in 1998 and teaches technology and music. He has also been a bandleader and a teacher of music. He composed the title track for a new Molly Flannery Quintet album, Slow Dance at the Asylum, playing the saxophone on most of the album's songs. He has even spent a year as a Weather Observer on the top of Mount Washington.

Together Irons and Zicarelli will present an evening of improvisational dance and saxophone music along with their life stories. The final featured artist in the Meet the Artist series will be Joe Perham, Maine humorist and storyteller on May 2. All programs take place from 7 to 8 p.m. in the Trustee's Auditorium of the new McLaughlin Science Center on the Gould Academy campus. Audience members will get a chance to further meet with the artists at the receptions following each program. Seating is limited to 50 and reservations are strongly recommended. Admission per event is \$5 adults, \$2 students. For more information, please contact the Mahoosuc Arts office at 824-3575.

ents, Albert and Marie Curtis, this past weekend.

Carl Curtis was up to have coffee with me this weekend.

Ann Payne was down to Blue Hill doing some special education work for the Department of Education. While there she had dinner with Dewaine and Sarah Craig. He was superintendent at our school system a few years ago).

Brad and Ann Payne went snowmobiling, after which they went to Millbrook Tavern at the Bethel Inn for dinner one day recently.

Ann Payne visited her Aunt Colista Morgan at South Paris. She is feeling better.

David Holt from Norway and Robert and Jenny Holt from Windsor visited Fay and Leonas Holt on Sunday, after which they visited their Aunt Colista Morgan.

That's it for this week. Have a safe and good week.

West Paris



by
Joyce Lamb

On March 23, the Rev. Joy Gasta will have as her sermon topic, "Celebrating the

Spring Equinox" — how it looks different here than in England. The service is at 9 a.m. Jim Burke is the organist.

Cabin Fever Countdown continues at the Universalist Church on Thursday, March 20. Lunch of fish chowder, Reuben sandwiches, dessert, and beverage will be served at noon for \$4. For the games and puzzles that follow there is no charge. Come and join in for one or both of these activities.

On Monday, March 24, the Universalist women's group, Goodwill Fellowship, will meet with Nancy Willard for a potluck supper and business meeting. If Nancy's

driveway is icy, the meeting will be at the church.

On Sunday, Grandmothers Florence McLaughlin and Joyce Lamb attended a family gathering in Auburn to celebrate the birthdays of their twin granddaughters, Kyra and Kelly. Also attending were Grandmother Jude of Lamoine and Melvin Young of Paris.

The shoulder is much better. Physical therapy at the hospital twice a week with self exercises twice a day at home is working well. I may be able to reach all the shelves in the cupboards before long. What a feeling of freedom to drive the car to get my own groceries. It had been two months since I had restocked the pantry. So off to Auburn. Beryl Bonney helped me fill my grocery cart. We almost bought out the store.

The life of Buffy has been real quiet for months. As the days lengthen and the sun turns warmer, he is anxious to get outside and visit the neighbors. There is a nice hard crust over all, so he is walking on top of his summer world. We have not sighted, as yet, the large, sleek Siamese that lives across the road.

West Paris



by
Bertha DeHaas

West Paris Grange 298 held its St. Patrick's Day program on Thursday evening.

March 6, with an excellent program put on by its lecturer, Anna Swan. Irish music was provided by Dot Canwell on the piano and Richard G. Felt and Jerry Easter on the harmonicas. Irish jokes and stories were done by a group of eight, dressed in green for the occasion, with special Irish hats, namely Wendell Easter, Nancy Dewing,

Mary Hoover, Jackie Stevens, Russell Yates, Marion Morton, Peter Collette and Gordon Abbott.

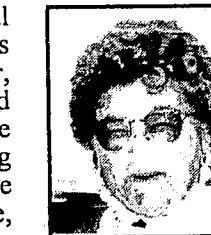
A second group of four taking part in the program was Russell Yates, Earl Andrews, Eloise Collette and Gloria Abbott. West Paris Grange's next meeting will be a mystery ride on Thursday, April 3. More details later.

Michelle Marois, formerly of Michelle's Kountry Kuts, Route 26, West Paris, now of Smart Style Salon at Wal-Mart in Oxford, presented her employee, Danielle Bennett, with a "Best Team Player" certificate this past week. Congratulations, Danielle. Way to go.

West Paris School News — The West Paris PTO members will be attending a PTO seminar in Massachusetts on March 22 and learn about fundraising for school projects, playground equipment, etc. Also extracurricular activities and the means to fund them in these hard times. The PTO is also starting a "Pumpkin Project" under the direction of Chairman Ben Church. He is looking for people to donate time, energy and materials such as fencing, manure and seeds. For more information, contact 674-2332.

MaryKay Marston is chairperson for the "Boxtops for Education" project and is excited that they have completed their first campaign. She made the project fun by rewarding the kids with a pizza party. The West Paris schools are still collecting Bostons for Education and the Campbell Soup labels for another such campaign. They are also collecting used printer ink cartridges for a recycling project. Drop off points are the Agnes L. Gray School office, Solar Graphics and the Town Office. There are two PTO positions open at this time: volunteer coordinator and fundraising coordinator. Come out and help us to grow.

East Stoneham



by
Eleanor Nelson

Hi readers. Between sips of hot homemade cocoa, made from scratch, will try and write something for the column. Things made from "scratch" are really better for you than from a mix, and it is a way to save money, too. It also tastes better. I even wash and use over my Ziploc bags.

My son shakes his head over that, but, hey, why not?

Speaking of food, have you people gotten your corned beef and cabbage yet? We did and it's on cooking right now. We couldn't wait for St. Patrick's Day. By then, we will probably be having hash, which is another thing I like. Let's face it, I like all food.

Can you believe it — today, Thursday, March 20, is the first day of spring. It's hard to believe anything the way the weather goes up and down lately. On Wednesday the temperature was 46 degrees outside and it was 10 below zero on Tuesday morning.

On March 7, Frances Grant went to Stephens Memorial Hospital for a few days, again, but is home now. This has been a hard winter all around.

Don't forget the Daughters of Union Veterans Tent 19 meeting at Ellie Smith's at Waterford Acres on Wednesday, March 26. See you there members.

I was interested to learn about the trip that Andy Chakoumakos made with his sled dogs recently. They did the four-day Can-Am 250 race in Fort Kent. They finished 10th in a field that started with 26 teams. Only 12 teams finished. Chakoumakos and his wife, Liz Como, have 24 dogs at their Winter Journeys kennel in Lovell and offer day journeys on weekends. They love their dogs as we do ours.

Wednesday night, March 12, there was a Planning Board meeting with a few items to be discussed and voted on. There were seven members present.

Wanda and Zachary Ryerson are at home now after visiting her sister in South Carolina.

From the Bethel Rotary Club

This week in Rotary was Club Assembly. The Club Service Committee reported that the Dine Around was well attended and everyone enjoyed it. We'll try to do one quarterly. The program for April 15 will be an educational program on Rotary and sharing it with others. We'll need to keep our info board up to date by taking pictures at every event.

The Student Exchange Program is looking for candidates and host families. Three families can share a student and have reciprocity with the other country. Steve Wight will follow up seeking applications. Since the process takes a while, we need to move on it for 2004.

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For District Conference, there will be a barbecue on Thursday. Steve Wight is putting together an activities list in the area for participants' down time.

We'll be going to Camp Sebago on May 10 to help with their annual clean-up day.

The Vocational Service Committee announced that the clock project is moving forward. We will need to have a plan for having grill(s) available at our events.

The International Committee learned that the GSE team from India will be here during the District Conference and they may need housing. We will check out their schedule and if we need to schedule any activities.

As suggested by George Gamble that we do a book program, the committee will meet with Frank Jewett from Oxford, who does textbook programs in Africa to see if there is a role for us.

There is interest in getting the Ireland connection going again.

Dave Murphy will investigate where things stand and Cynthia will talk with DGE Trish regarding funding sources once needs are determined.

The Golf Tournament Committee has been meeting and securing sponsors.

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This Sunday, March 23, is the Spring Country Breakfast — an all-you-can-eat pancake buffet starting at 7:30 a.m. until 11 a.m. Tickets may be purchased through a Rotarian or at the door at Ordway Hall at Gould Academy. Tickets are \$5 for

adults and \$2.50 for children under 12.

The Rotary Club of Bethel meets weekly on Tuesdays at 7:30 a.m. at The Bethel Inn and Country Club.

From the Telstar Athletic Boosters

The Telstar Athletic Boosters announce some of the winners of the 31 Longaberger Baskets being raffled off during March 2003:

(1) Earl Tyler, Serve It Up Basket w/protector; (2) Darlene St. Cyr, Small Gatehouse Basket; (3) Mary Teresa Estes, Medium Berry Basket; (4) Marcia Stearns, Kiddie Purse Basket; (5) Judy Kenney, 2001 Large Easter Basket; (6) Mark Kenney, Small Fruit Basket; (7) Pat Perry, Tall Tissue Basket w/lid; (8) Katie Smith, Spring Basket; (9) Brenda Wight, Little Market Basket; (10) Heidi Steele, Cake Basket; (11) Shirley Seames, Small Spoon Basket; (12) Linda Stowell, Generations Basket; (13) Cindy Gammon, Button Basket; (14) Peggy Tripp, 2003 Small Easter Basket; (15) Lori Davis, Medium Key Basket; (16) Robin Mills, Business Basket; (17) Gill Broadway, Pen Pal Basket; (18)

Ellen Whitney, Small Berry Basket; (19) Carolee Sargent, Salt and Pepper Basket.

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This raffle assisted with the pur-

chase of duffle bags for all varsity teams at Telstar High School and other activities of the Telstar Athletic Boosters Club.

From the Telstar Alumni Association

The Telstar Alumni Association held its monthly meeting on Tuesday, March 11. At this meeting, we discussed the upcoming spring dance to be held on April 5 from 8 to 12 p.m. at the Locke Mills Legion Hall, featuring The Suspects, whose members include Rick Moody and Frank Danforth (formerly of The Impalas), Scott Ken-nah (formerly of The Ball Brothers), George Ramond (formerly of Razor) and Dave Packard (formerly of F-Troop). This group plays a great variety of dance music for everyone, including oldies and rock and roll. Tickets are available at Maine Line Products in Bethel and Locke Mills or call Sally at 875-3335.

The Telstar Educational Assistance Award form is available in the guidance office at the school and is for any Telstar graduating junior or senior who has either a parent or grandparent who has graduated from Telstar. Any student who thinks he/she might qualify for the award, please apply and don't wait too long, as there is a deadline for applications.

Alumni members are still trying to plan reunions for this coming summer. Class of '73, Alice Deegan (665-2020) and Deven

Andrews (527-2375) are working on their class reunion planned for Aug. 2, but would still like some input and help. Any other classmates that are planning fifth-year reunions, please let the Alumni Association know, as some classes have money available.

The next monthly alumni meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 8, at the Telstar Conference Room (across from the guidance room) at 6:30 p.m.

From the Oxford Pomona Grange 2

After a break of two months, Oxford Pomona began another year with a meeting at Rumford Grange 115 in Rumford Center on March 4. That Grange had prepared a delicious supper with the visiting grangers bringing desserts.

At this time members received the new password.

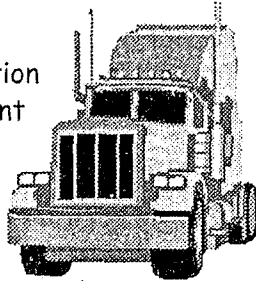
Business taken up at this time included planning for a degree day at which the first four, or subordinate, degrees would be conferred. This will be at Franklin Grange 124 in Bryant Pond on March 30 with the first two degrees in the afternoon and the last two after a supper. Granges from Androscoggin Pomona will be bringing candidates, and it is hoped that some of these new members, as well as our own, will be ready to take the fifth degree, also at Bryant Pond at the Pomona meeting there on April 1. This meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m. after the 6:30 supper.

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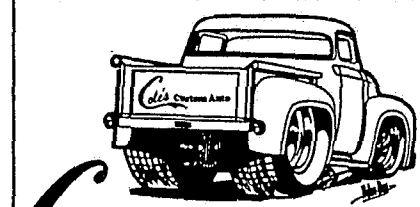
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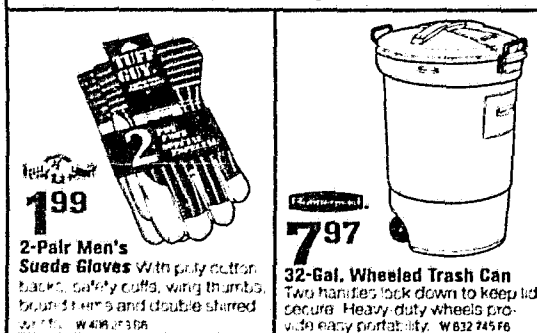
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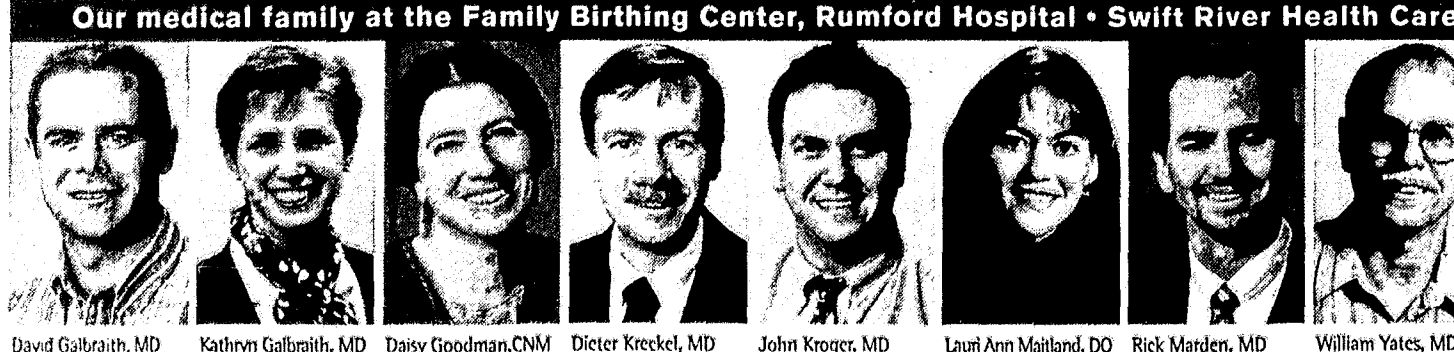
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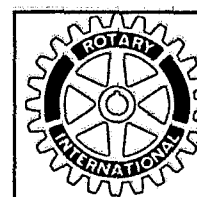
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The program at the March meeting was "Music Night" and Lecturer Stan Howe prepared it around items he found in an old song book he had found entitled, "Old Songs: Read 'em and Weep, the Songs you Forgot to Remember." Interspersed with the songs were comical readings. Did anyone know how many verses were written for Yankee Doodle? Stan had passed these out to all and they were all sung with great gusto and many laughs, as was "Little Brown Jug." Other music was played by Althea Fish on piano with Richard Felt and Jerry Easter on harmonica while everyone sang Irish songs. A good time was had by all.

It is hoped that the degrees conferred will be followed by more applications and more degree days.

From the Jackson-Silver Auxiliary

At the Feb. 6 meeting, it was reported that Brenda Hurd, attending Washington County Technical College and Samantha Howe at Husson College were enrolled for their second semester, earning the scholarships that the unit had bestowed upon them last spring.

At the same meeting, it was voted to donate money to help four Telstar students who are scheduled to visit France in April. Among other places they will be visiting are sites in which our veterans were fighting in World I and II. Unit member Nancy Grover, who works in the guidance office at the school, will accompany them. Also at this

meeting a donation was voted for AWAP, as preventing family violence is one of the programs of Maine Legion Auxiliary this year.

Plans were made for the annual Oyster Stew Supper that the post does each year, and it took place on Feb. 20 with about 52 people in attendance. On March 20, there will be the usual Birthday Supper to commemorate the beginnings of The American Legion in France, March 15-17, 1919. It being so close to St. Patrick's Day, the menu will include corned beef and cabbage with the meal beginning at 6 p.m. If there is business to attend to after the supper, there will be a short meeting.

It was noted that members had lost loved ones — Davene Mitchell's mother and Leona West a sister.

Members of the unit took part in the service at the Locke Mills Union Church on Feb. 23 to remember the Four Chaplains of WW II who lost their lives on the troop ship "Dorchester" when it was torpedoed off the coast of Greenland in February 1943. These men guided the troops to boxes of life jackets and helped them to the lifeboats. When the life jackets had all been issued, they took off their own and gave them to four men, thus losing their own lives.

At the March 6 meeting, members were happy to receive the application for membership of Barbara Wakefield. It is hoped to attract more to our organization. It was reported that Valentines had been sent to some ill members of the post, also one veteran at Ledgeview and several at the Western Maine Veterans' Home. Also at this meeting the nominating com-

mittee reported on their recommendations for officers for the 2003-2004 year.

Beginning in April there will again be meetings on the first and third Thursday each month. There is a potluck supper at 6 p.m. on the first Thursday to which post and unit members are all invited, with the meetings at 7 p.m.

Again, condolences are extended to our members who have recently lost family members: the Cummings, Keniston and Brooks families.

From the Mundt-Allen Post

Forty-one people enjoyed Brian Strickland's usual superb oyster stew at the Mundt-Allen post home on Tuesday, March 11. Brian spent most of the afternoon in the kitchen, getting the stew prepared and cooked to perfection. Then, the ladies of the auxiliary, presided over by auxiliary president Arlene Bean, prepared the side dishes, dessert and coffee and set up the dining room. The result was an enjoyable meal and evening.

The post and unit ladies were joined for the evening by Legion State Vice Commander William (Gene) Bickford and Legion Past State Commander Edward Roach. Our guests each spoke briefly on the importance of keeping our membership growing and the need for veterans to go into our schools and teach kids proper flag etiquette and to tell them about what a veteran is.

Telstar senior Sara Gamble provided the highlight of the evening

when she read her essay, titled, "Freedom's Obligation," before the assembled group. This is the essay that garnered second place in the VFW's essay contest in the state of Maine. In her essay, Sara expressed her gratitude at living in a country whose freedoms were earned and preserved by the nations' veterans. She also urged that we all have the obligation to pass on to our younger generations an appreciation for the sacrifices necessary to earn and to maintain our freedoms in the future. Sara is a very impressive young lady.

From the O.C.R.S.W.C.

During the month of February, Oxford County Regional Solid Waste Corp. processed the following:

Shipped 117.34 tons of material at an estimated sale value of \$5,865. Estimated cost to trash the same 117.34 tons material, \$9,973.90 (based on average tipping and hauling fee of \$85 per ton).

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Shipped 24.04 tons of non-corrugated cardboard at an estimated sale value of \$780. Estimated cost to trash the same 24.04 tons of non-corrugated cardboard, \$2,043.40

Total tonnage shipped in February 2003, 117.34.

Total actual and estimated sale value, \$5,865.

Total cost to trash the 117.34 tons, \$9,973.90.

Total sales plus avoided cost saved a total of \$15,838.90

It pays to recycle.

From Maine Handicapped Skiing

Maine Handicapped Skiing, Maine's largest adaptive recreation program for adults and children with physical disabilities, raised \$251,381 at their 18th annual Ski-A-Thon, Saturday, March 15, at Sunday River Ski Resort and Sunday River Inn and Cross Country Ski Center.

Over 650 skiers and riders and 140 volunteers from Maine and New England participated in the Ski-A-Thon. Highlights of the Ski-A-Thon included an on-slope obstacle course, built and operated by

the Parrot Head Club of Maine and the Maine Handicapped Skiing Fun Race underwritten by Aircast, Inc.

George Leh, MHS participant for the first time this year, wowed a big crowd at the Grand Summit ballroom, singing the blues with his band.

The Ski-A-Thon team InTents won the grand prize: five days skiing and four days lodging at The Canyons, an ASC resort, including round-trip airfare provided by American Airlines. Craig Cooper was the top fundraiser for the second year in a row, winning a ski package for two at Attitash.

Katherine Kroll was honored by Maine Handicapped Skiing with the One Hundred and Ten Percent award for individuals, businesses or organizations who have given extraordinary service to MHS. Kroll has volunteered for MHS for eighteen years, serving as both a volunteer ski instructor and board member with a focus on long-range planning.

Sunday River Ski Resort, longtime sponsor of Maine Handicapped Skiing, provided free lift tickets to skiers and riders at the Ski-A-Thon. Sunday River Inn and Cross Country Ski Center, home of MHS's cross-country skiing and snowshoeing program, provided passes for the cross-country skiers participating in the Ski-A-Thon.

For information on becoming a volunteer or a participant in Maine Handicapped Skiing's adaptive recreational program for adults and

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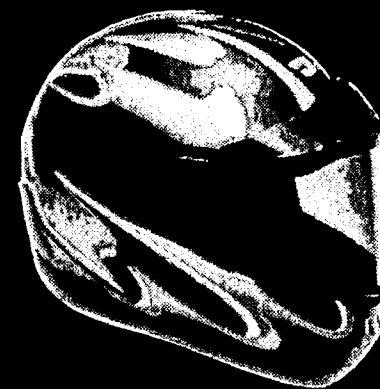
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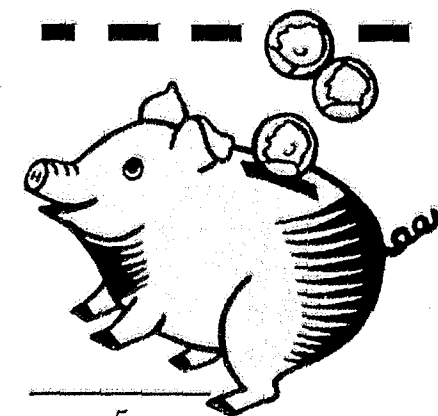
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From the District Exchange

The District Exchange continues into its 11th year of service to residents of the Bethel area with another winter of providing food to those in need, and an outlet for recycling of good used clothing. The economic downturn, the recent layoffs and the high price of heating homes this winter has increased the need for food, for inexpensive clothing, and for the direct emergency assistance the District Exchange is able to provide through its Neighbors Helping Neighbors Fund. This project is a wonderful model of volunteerism, collaboration and community caring that meets a variety of individual and family needs throughout the year.

Profits from the sale of items from the thrift shop are used to purchase food and items such as personal supplies for the Pantry. Food items are also obtained from the Good Shepherd Food Bank and from food drives conducted by many local groups. Food is distributed on a confidential basis upon referral from the town offices in SAD44 towns, with strict guidelines on frequency of use adopted by most such organizations.

Assistance to individuals and

families for a variety of emergency needs is given following Neighbors Helping Neighbors Fund guidelines. Such assistance is coordinated with emergency help available from other agencies and the Neighbors Fund managers try to fill in where other help is not available. Northeast Bank staff assists the exchange with financial management.

Although all clothing and District Exchange items is normally sold for minimal prices — as low as \$1 per bag — clothing is provided at no charge following a fire or upon referral by school or town personnel. This winter has seen many requests for warm coats and boots.

The exchange is staffed by loyal volunteers, both individuals and representatives of area churches, including West Parish Congregational Church, Bethel Methodist Church, Locke Mills Union Church, West Bethel Union Church and Pleasant Valley Bible Church. The Bethel Alliance Church will be joining soon. The Exchange Board is very grateful for the continuing support from SAD44 in providing space for the exchange. The exchange is open to the public on Mondays 1 to 4, Thursdays 4 to 6 and Saturdays 10-12. The Food Pantry manager is Erika Penczer. Cathy Newell chairs the board and Maryvonne Wheeler coordinates the volunteer schedule as well as the contact with area agencies.

The Exchange Board requests the help of area residents as we come to the change of seasons. Please

remember that the District Exchange has limited space and can only accept clean, in-season clothing in good condition. We are looking for clothing appropriate to the spring and summer, or items that can be worn year-round. Please take your unwanted winter clothing to the Salvation Army or Goodwill in Lewiston, or to the Free Store in Mexico. The exchange is looking for a mannequin for clothing display. Please call 824-4090 if you have one to donate. Please drop off clothing only when the exchange is open.

The District Exchange Board will meet on Tuesday, April 1 at 1 p.m. at the Adult Learning Center.

From the Western Mountains Senior College

The Western Mountain Senior College announces the courses available to its members for the spring semester. Classes will meet at either Gould Academy's McLaughlin Science Center or at the NTL Founders House, and will begin in early to mid April.

Frost and After: 20th Century New England Poetry will be taught by Bonnie Pooley. The class will meet Wednesday afternoons for six weeks.

US Foreign Policy in the last years of the 20th century and into the 21st century will be taught by Margaret Tibbets and will meet for six weeks on Thursday afternoons.

The World need for and the Power of Oil will be taught by Dorothy Dunton's course for this term. This

class will meet Wednesday afternoons for six weeks.

Fern and Fern allies is the course that will be offered by Jackie Cressy on Thursday. Two of the four afternoons will include field trips.

Explore your Life Story will be the class taught by Gwyneth Bohr on Thursday mornings for eight weeks.

Membership in the Senior College program is always open to interested persons 50 years or older, and is set at \$25. The course fees are \$35 per class. Information on the classes listed above will be in your local paper, on Channel IV, or you may talk with any Senior College Board member.

Registration may be mailed with a check and your course selection to: Western Mountain Senior College, PO Box 1305, Bethel, ME 04217.

From the Bethel Senior Citizens

The Bethel Senior Citizens Club met March 12 at the Methodist Church for their luncheon and meeting with 47 members present. President Musa Brown conducted the meeting and led the salute to the flag. Reports were given by Jane Hosterman and Arlene Lowell. The door prize was won by Mary Smith. The raffle, which was a painting by Helen Morton and donated by Hope Tibbets, was won by Colleen Boyd.

The next meeting will be April 9 at the Gorham, N.H., Legion Hall. The meeting will begin at 11 a.m. and the price for dinner is \$6.50.

Ginny Walker reported on a trip to be taken either in June or July.

Marion Sandstrom, a physical therapist from Stephens Memorial Hospital, spoke on the importance of exercise. She demonstrated several different exercises to improve strength, balance and flexibility.

Susanne Plourde from the Norway Rehabilitation and Living Center gave a talk on the difference between Medicare and Medicaid. She also explained about long-term care and skilled care. Everyone was given pamphlets and a cookbook.

A reading was given by Ginny Walker and Lindley Wieden.

March birthdays are: Alberta Angevine, Muriel Butters, Pauline Davis, Mildred Jackson, Mary Keniston, Pauline Wieden, Judith Webster, Maxine Wright and Marna McGinniss.

From the S.C.O.R.E.

The Oxford Hills SCORE Chapter has scheduled workshops in Business Planning for Business Start-ups that will be offered during April and May at Telstar Regional High School, under the auspices of the SAD44 Adult Education Program. Workshops will be held on successive Wednesday evenings, in Room 109, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Workshop Schedule
April 9. Preparing a Business Plan
April 16. Marketing
April 30. Cash Flow Projection
May 7. Financing a Small Business

The workshops will be presented by members of SCORE and the Small Business Development Center/AVCOG. Workshop content has been structured to provide valuable information and assistance in writing a business plan, basic

market research, projecting cash flow and obtaining financing for a new business. Writing a good business plan and understanding marketing and the details of cash flow and finances are vital to the success of any new business.

The fee for the four-session workshop is \$45 and includes participation by one business partner or spouse. Advance registration is required with the SAD44 Adult Education Office at 824-3320. For additional information, call SCORE at 743-0499.

From the Maine Veterans Home

Coping with Alzheimer's Disease and other dementias is an ongoing problem for the friends and relatives of those afflicted with this debilitating condition. In an effort to lessen the stresses involved in caretaking for these persons, Maine Veterans' Home in South Paris hosts a Maine Alzheimer's Association support group monthly. The public is invited and it is not necessary to have a loved one residing in the facility to come to the group.

"Our goal is to educate and support anyone in the community who deals with this situation," states Nan Verrill, LSW at the South Paris facility. "We are always looking for more people to join our group."

Together with Sue Chesley, RN, nurse manager of the 30-bed Dementia Care unit at MVH, the two co-chair the monthly support group. It is always held on the first Monday of the month, from 1 to 3 p.m. in the facility conference room. Sharing thoughts, problems

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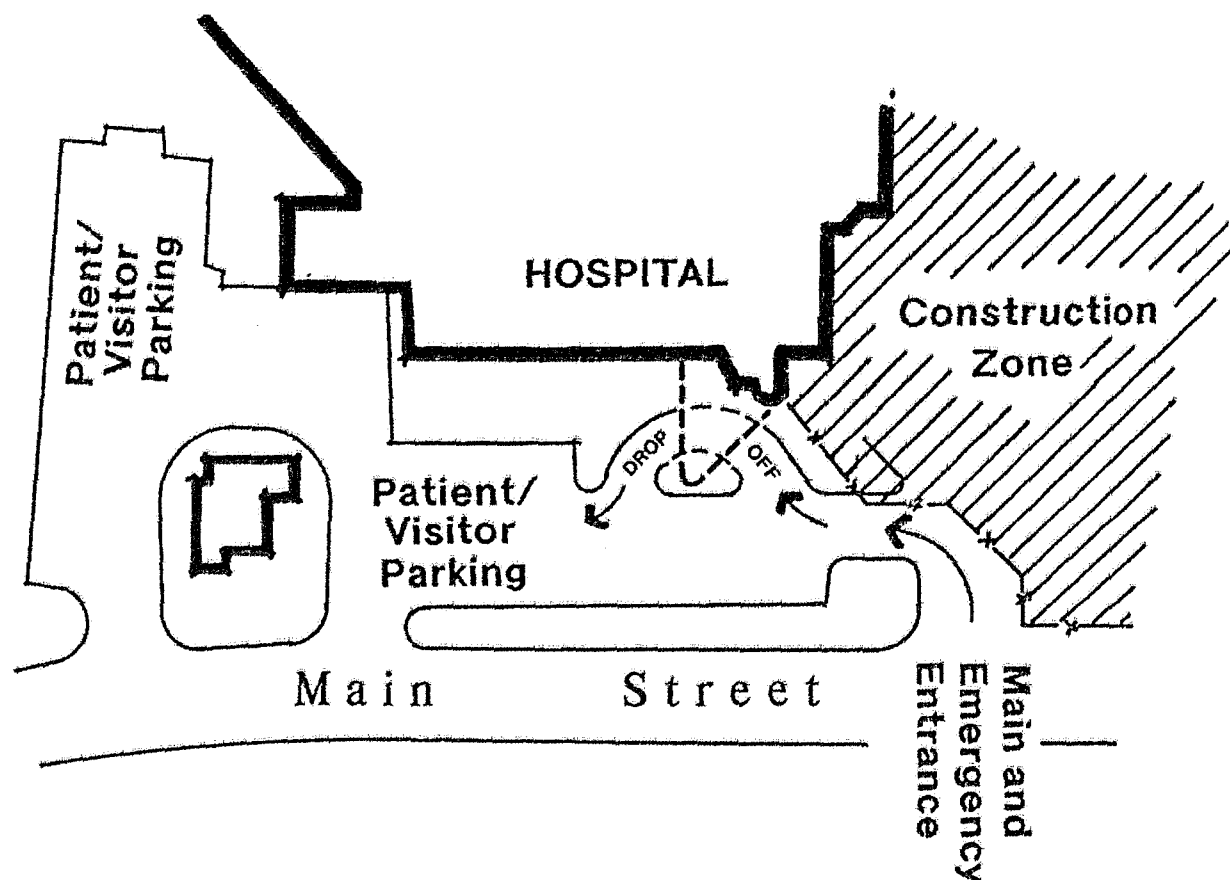
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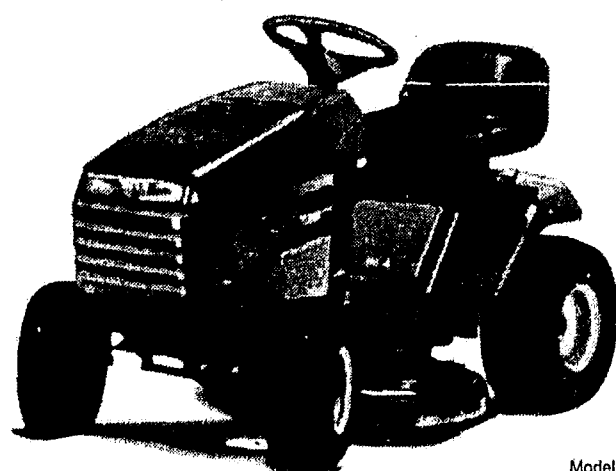
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Gould freestylers headed to national competition

A Gould Academy student and three alumni have qualified to compete in the U.S. National Freestyle Championships.

Kelly Price '03, Kevin Hanian '02, Eddie Keiser '01, and Jackie Paaso '00 have earned spots in the competition, which will take place through 23 at Montana Snowbowl in Missoula, Montana. Paaso won the women's National Qualifier Moguls event in Alpine Meadows, California March 14, and Hanian won the men's Moguls event the next day. Hanian is also the 2003 U.S. Junior Champion in Dual Moguls, an event he won on

March 9 in Steamboat Springs, Colo.

Paaso has taken this year off from Colby-Sawyer College to focus on competition. She trains at Sunday River Ski Resort. Hanian is a freshman at University of Colorado - Boulder.

Kelly Price, 17, a Gould senior, took ninth place in Dual Moguls March 16 at the National Qualifier. She will attend University of Colorado - Boulder next year.

Keiser was fifth in Moguls at the Qualifier. He is one of the top competitors from the Rocky Mountain Freestyle Division this year.

Post-season success for Telstar H.S. skiers

Nine Telstar skiers recently participated in post season competition and/or received honors for their accomplishments.

John Reuter, a senior, qualified for and competed in the Junior Olympics national competition in Alaska.

Four other Telstar cross-country skiers helped the Maine State Team win the overall Eastern High School Ski Championships, held this past weekend at Sugarloaf.

The Maine team defeated squads from Vermont, New Hampshire, Massachusetts and New York. About 90 skiers competed in each of four men's and women's races.

In a sprint race Friday, Telstar's Brian Zinchuk placed fourth behind Mark Vanderhoof of Vermont, who won all four men's events. Another Rebel, Fred Bailey, was 30th.

For the girls, Telstar's Heather Zimmerman placed 13th behind

winner Joanna Kinsman of Fryeburg Academy. Sarah Gamble was 23rd.

In the five-kilometer classical race, Bailey and Zinchuk placed seventh and 16th, respectively. Zimmerman and Gamble were 30th and 33rd behind winner Kinsman.

In the five-kilometer freestyle, Bailey placed 10th and Zinchuk 15th. Zimmerman and Gamble were 10th and 23rd behind winner Jennie Bender of Vermont.

Several Telstar cross-country and alpine skiers were also named to the All-State Ski Team by the Lewiston Sun Journal. Cross-country First Team members include John Reuter, and Second Team members Bailey, Zinchuk, Zimmerman and Gamble.

In alpine, the First Team included Travis Brooks and Jake Largess, and the Second Team Adam Largess and Justine Carver.



WILL COMPETE WITH THE BEST—Telstar's Gavin Parker, an eighth-grader at Telstar Middle School, is competing in the USASA Snowboard National competition at Sunday River next week. Parker is second in the state in the Breaker Boy Boarder Cross division. He is the son of Scott and Susan Parker, and the grandson of Blake and Rachel MacKay.

Dean's list

AT MIDDLEBURY
Abbie Beane and Colin Penley of Bethel have been named college scholars for academic excellence (with a GPA of 3.6 or higher and no grades below B-) for the fall semester at Middlebury College.

Beane is the daughter of Norman and Pamela Beane, and Penley is the son of Richard and Wendy Penley.

AT UMF
Lacey Hebert of Bethel and Jennie Mae Bernier of Upton have been named to the high honors list at the University of Maine at Farmington for the fall semester.

AT ST. JOSEPH'S
Katie Wight of Newry has been named to the dean's list at St. Joseph's College for the fall semester.

SCHOOL LUNCHES: WEEK OF MARCH 24

SAD44 Elementary/Middle/High Breakfast Program
Breakfast for elementary schools and Telstar Regional High School will be choices every day.

SAD44 Middle/High Lunch Program
Monday: Chicken fajita, green beans, fluffy rice, choice of: pepperoni pizza, beef ravioli, ham and cheese roll, hamburger/bun, salad bar, fruit bar, milk.
Tuesday: Tuna salad sandwich, tomato soup, potato chips, choice of: fishwich, pepperoni pizza, beef ravioli, ham and cheese roll, hamburger/bun, salad bar, fruit bar, milk.
Wednesday: Pizza stix, choice of: hot dog/bun, pepperoni pizza, beef ravioli, hamburger/bun, salad bar, fruit bar, milk.
Thursday: Chicken potpie, steamed broccoli, w/w bread, choice of: teriyaki chicken, pepperoni pizza, beef ravioli, hamburger/bun, salad bar, fruit bar, milk.
Friday: Workshop day.

SAD44 Elementary Lunch Program
Monday: Chicken fajita, green beans, choice of: beef ravioli, pbj sandwich, salad bar, fruit bar, milk.
Tuesday: Chicken salad roll, tomato soup, choice of: beef ravioli, pbj sandwich, salad bar, fruit bar, milk.
Wednesday: Pepperoni pizza, kernel corn, choice of: beef ravioli, salad bar, fruit bar, milk.
Thursday: Chicken potpie, steamed broccoli, choice of: beef ravioli, pbj sandwich, salad bar, fruit bar, milk.
Friday: Workshop day.

Oxford Hills High School Lunch
Monday: Chicken salad sandwich, pretzels, celery sticks, fruit, milk.
Tuesday: Combo sandwich of ham, bologna, cheese, lettuce and tomato, corn chips, fruit, milk.
Wednesday: Taco, tortilla chips, garden fresh veggies, cheese meat sauce, fruit, milk.
Thursday: Ham steak, sweet potato, peas, pineapple, milk.
Friday: Pizza sticks, potato salad, salad bar, fruit, milk.

Oxford Hills Middle School Lunch
Monday: Turkey "bomb" sub (cheese, peppers, onions and tomatoes) or vegetable sub, potato chips, salad bar, pasta bar, fruit, pbj sandwich, milk.
Tuesday: Hot ham/cheese or steak and cheese/bun, potato puffs, salad bar, pasta bar, fruit, pbj sandwich, milk.
Wednesday: Chicken nuggets w/sauce, potato wedges, cranberry sauce, salad bar, pasta bar, fruit, pbj sandwich, milk.
Thursday: Rib-A-Que or hot ham and cheese/bun, corn chips, salad bar, pasta bar, fruit, pbj sandwich, milk.
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Television Listings

THURSDAY EVENING MARCH 20, 2003										
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
(3)	70s Show	70s Show	WWE Smackdown!				News	Frasier	Frasier	Ent. Tonight
(32)	7th Heaven		Movie: "Phenomenon"						700 Club	
6	Hollywood	Seinfeld	Friends	Scrubs	Will-Grace	Good Mtn	ER		News	
8	Fortune	Jeopardy!	Profiles-Front		Are You Hot		Primetime Thursday		News	
10	News-Lehrer	Maine	Made In	Frontline/World			Great Performances		Charlie Rose	
(22)	Sportsctr.	Reporters	NHL Hockey: Pittsburgh Penguins at Philadelphia Flyers				Sportscenter			
(34)	Blind Date	Blind Date	Star Trek: Next Gener.				Movie: "The Spy Who Loved Me"			
13	College Basketball: NCAA Tournament First Round -- Teams TBA						College Basketball: NCAA Tournament First Round -- Teams TBA			
(41)	Sports	54321	Best Damn Sports Show Period				Sports	Sports	Best Damn Sports Show	
(15)	Movie: "Hot Shots! Part Deux"						Movie: "The Last Castle"			Taxicab Confessions 7
(17)	Sister, Sis.	Lizzie	Movie: "Double Teamed"			Teamo	Sister, Sis.	Lizzie	Even	Boy World
(18)	Movie: "Roxanne" Cont'd						Movie: "Desert Saints"			Movie: "Judge Dredd"
(20)	Sports Plus	McCarver	AHL	Sportscast	NE Journal	Divers	Outdoors	Outdoors	Sports Plus	ESPNews
(44)	Intimate Portrait		Unsolved Mysteries				Movie: "Crimes of the Heart"			Golden
(5)	Friends	Seinfeld	Movie: "Fire Down Below"							Movie: "Out for Justice"
(24)	Hey Arnold!	Rugrats	Sponge	Amanda	Kids Say	Kids Say				Cosby Show: A Look Back
(25)	Movie: "Shane" Cont'd						Movie: "On the Waterfront"			Movie: "The Deer Hunter"
(26)	JAG						Movie: "The Firm"			Dead Zone
(27)	American Justice		Biography				Movie: "Columbo: Undercover"			Third Watch
(12)	Home Imp.	Will-Grace	Movie: "Iron Eagle II"				News			Rockford Files
(39)	Crossfire		Connie Chung Tonight				Larry King Live			Newsnight-Aaron Brown

FRIDAY EVENING MARCH 21, 2003										
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
(3)	70s Show	70s Show	Movie: "Showdown in Little Tokyo"				News	Frasier	Frasier	Ent. Tonight
(32)	7th Heaven		Movie: "Down Periscope"				Life-Sitcom	Whose?	700 Club	
6	Hollywood	Seinfeld	Talented Kid				Ed		Law & Order	News
8	Fortune	Jeopardy!	Funnest Home Videos				Funnest Home Videos		20/20	News
10	News-Lehrer		Wash Wk	Wall	Keeping Up	Time Goes	Neighbors	One Foot	Now With Bill Moyers	
(22)	Sportsctr.	NBA	NBA Basketball: Minnesota Timberwolves at San Antonio Spurs				NBA Basketball: Wizards at Suns			
(34)	Blind Date	Blind Date	Star Trek: Next Gener.				Star Trek: Next Gener.		Real TV	Real TV
13	College Basketball: NCAA Tournament First Round -- Teams TBA						College Basketball: NCAA Tournament First Round -- Teams TBA			
(41)	Sports	54321	Best Damn Sports Show Period				Sports	NBA Basketball: Celtics at Lakers		
(15)	Movie: "Home Alone 2: Lost in New York"						Movie: "Showtime"			First Look
(17)	So Raven	Lizzie	Movie: "Right on Track"							Movie: "Right on Track"
(18)	Movie: "Sabrina" Cont'd						Movie: "Glory"			Movie: "Training Day"
(20)	College Hockey: ECAC Tournament Semifinal -- Teams to Be Announced						Pregame	NHL Hockey: Bruins at Sharks		
(44)	Unsolved Mysteries		Final Justice				Movie: "Moment of Truth: A Child Too Many"			Golden
(5)	Friends	Seinfeld	Movie: "Seven"							Movie: "U-Turn"
(24)	Hey Arnold!	Rugrats	Sponge	Sponge	Sponge	Sponge	Cosby	Cosby	3's Co.	3's Co.
(25)	"On the Waterfront"						Movie: "Platoon"			Movie: "Platoon"
(26)	JAG						Movie: "The Stranger Beside Me"			Movie: "The Stranger Beside Me"
(27)	American Justice		Expedition Egypt				Beauty in a Jar			Third Watch
(12)	Home Imp.	Will-Grace	Movie: "Young Guns II"				News			Rockford Files
(39)	Crossfire		Connie Chung Tonight				Larry King Live			Newsnight-Aaron Brown

SATURDAY EVENING MARCH 22, 2003										
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
(3)	Fortune	Jeopardy!	Movie: "American History X"				News	Sanders	Entertainment Tonight	
(32)	7th Heaven		Movie: "When in Rome"						Movie: "Unlabeled Heart"	
6	Maine	Seinfeld	Crossing Jordan				Law & Order		News	Sat. Night
8	Fortune	AHL Hockey: Albany River Rats at Portland Pirates					Jeopardy!		News	Practice
10	Made In	Wildlife	Great Performances						Changes	Red Green
(22)	Gymnastics	Cheerlead	Figure Skating: Grand Prix Final				College Gamenight		Sportscenter	
(34)	Blind Date	Blind Date	Real TV	Real TV	Real TV		WWE Velocity		WWE Confidential	
13	College Basketball		College Basketball: NCAA Tourn. 2nd Rd.				Agency		News	Andromeda
(41)	Beyond the Glory	Best Damn Sports Show	See This				NBA Action	NBA Basketball: Boston Celtics at Denver Nuggets		
(15)	Movie: "Evolution" Cont'd						Movie: "From Hell"			Six Feet Under
(17)	So Raven	Lizzie	Movie: "Right on Track"				Teamo	Sister, Sis.	Lizzie	So Raven
(18)	Valentine	Cont'd					Movie: "Ext Wounds"			Movie: "Super Troopers"
(20)	College Hockey: ECAC Tournament Final -- Teams to Be Announced						Pregame	NHL Hockey: Bruins at Kings		
(44)	"This Boy's Life" Cont'd						Movie: "Bastard out of Carolina"			Movie: "The Accused"
(5)	Movie: "Bird on a Wire"						Movie: "Lethal Weapon 4"			Bird-Wire
(24)	Neutron	Oddparents	Sponge	Nick	Amanda	Skeeter	Cosby	Cosby	3's Co.	3's Co.
(25)	Movie: "Platoon" Cont'd						Movie: "The Godfather"			
(26)	Movie: "She's All That"						Nashville Star		Nashville Star	Dragnet
(27)	American Justice		Cold Case Files				Crossing Jordan		Third Watch	And the Nominees Are...
(12)	HappyDay	HappyDay	Fresh Pr.				NBA Basketball: New York Knicks at Chicago Bulls		News	Chained-2
(39)	Capital Gang		CNN Presents				Larry King Weekend			CNN Saturday Night

SUNDAY EVENING MARCH 23, 2003										
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
(3)	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Movie: "Days of Thunder"				News	Red Sox	70s Show	Sanders
(32)	Life-Sitcom	Life-Sitcom	Movie: "Dennis the Menace"						Movie: "Police Academy 2: Their First Assignment"	
6	Fear Factor	Fear Factor					Movie: "Billy Madison"			News
8	Barbara Walters	Oscar					75th Annual Academy Awards			News
10	Monarch of the Glen	Nature					Masterpiece Theatre's American Collection			To Contrary
(22)	Women's College Basketball: NCAA						Gamenight	Women's College Basketball: NCAA		Sportscenter
(34)	Movie: "The Spy Who Loved Me" Cont'd						WrestleMania 3rd Degree	Blind Date	Blind Date	Blind Date
13	60 Minutes	Becker					Movie: "Deep Impact"			News
(41)	Boxing: Sunday	Beyond the Glory					Best Damn Sports Show		See This	Last Word
(15)	"Cast Away" Cont'd	Sopranos					Six Feet Under			Movie: "Monster's Ball"
(17)	So Raven	Lizzie	Movie: "Right on Track"				Weekend	Sister, Sis.	Lizzie	So Raven
(18)	"The Sweetest Thing"						Movie: "Porky's"			Movie: "Porky's II: The Next Day"
(20)	Wm. Hockey						College Hockey: MAAC Championship			Wild World of Winter
(44)	Movie: "The Star" Cont'd						Movie: "Undue Influence"			
(5)	"Out for Justice" Cont'd						Movie: "Fire Down Below"			Movie: "Hard to Kill"
(24)	Ginger	Taina	Garcia	Nick News	Kids Say	Kids Say	Cosby	Cosby	3's Co.	3's Co.
(25)	"The Godfather, Part II"						Movie: "Jaws"			Movie: "Jaws"
(26)	Movie: "GoldenEye"									Dead Zone
(27)	"Columbo: Undercover"						Movie: "Columbo: A Trace of Murder"			Movie: "Columbo Goes to College"
(12)	Academy Awards						Andromeda			Adventure Inc.
(39)	People in the News						CNN Presents			Larry King Weekend

MONDAY EVENING MARCH 24, 2003										
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
(3)	70s Show	70s Show	Parkers	One	Girlfriends	Half	News	Frasier	Frasier	Ent. Tonight
(32)	7th Heaven		Life-Sitcom	Whose?	Usher-8701		Last Resort	Life-Sitcom	700 Club	
6	Hollywood	Seinfeld	Fear Factor				Miss USA 2003			News
8	Fortune	Jeopardy!	Veritas: The Quest				Practice		Miracles	News
10	News-Lehrer		Capitol Connection				Antiques Roadshow		American Experience	Business
(22)	Women's College Basketball						Women's College Basketball			Sportscenter
(34)	Blind Date	Blind Date	Star Trek: Next Gener.				WWE Raw			CSI: Crime Scn
13	Friends	Ent. Tonight	King	Yes, Dear	Raymond	Still		CSI: Miami		News
(41)	Sports	54321	See This				Sports	NBA Basketball: Boston Celtics at Utah Jazz		Postgame
(15)	Movie: "Big"						Movie: "Normal"			Movie: "Dinner With Friends"
(17)	Sister, Sis.	Lizzie	Movie: "Blank Check"				Teamo	Sister, Sis.	Lizzie	Even
(18)	Sister Act 2: Back						Old School			Movie: "Courage Under Fire"
(20)	NHL Hockey: Toronto Maple Leafs at Boston Bruins									Overtime
(44)	Intimate Portrait		Unsolved Mysteries				Movie: "Unexpected Love"			"Unexpected Love"
(5)	Friends	Seinfeld	Movie: "My Dog Skip"							Movie: "Problem Child"
(24)	Hey Arnold!	Rugrats	Sponge	Amanda	Kids Say	Kids Say	Cosby	Cosby	3's Co.	3's Co.
(25)	"The Paper Chase"						Movie: "The Natural"			Movie: "The Quiet Man"
(26)	JAG		JAG				Movie: "The Stranger Beside Me"			JAG
(27)	American Justice		Biography				Live by Request Starring Hall & Oates			Third Watch
(12)	Home Imp.	Will-Grace	Movie: "Assassins"							News
(39)	Crossfire		Connie Chung Tonight				Larry King Live			Newsnight-Aaron Brown

TUESDAY EVENING MARCH 25, 2003										
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
(3)	70s Show	70s Show	Buffy the Vampire Slayer				Twilight Zone		News	Frasier
(32)	7th Heaven		Movie: "Just a Walk in the Park"						Whose?	Whose?
6	Hollywood	Seinfeld	Let's Make a Deal				Frasier	A.U.S.A.	Dateline	News
8	Fortune	Jeopardy!	8 Rules	Jim			Life-Bonnie	Life-Bonnie	Family	News
10	News-Lehrer		Nova				Becoming American: The Chinese		Independent Lens	Rose
(22)	Women's College Basketball						Women's College Basketball			Sportscenter
(34)	Blind Date	Blind Date	Star Trek: Next Gener.				Movie: "Moonraker"			
13	Friends	Ent. Tonight	JAG				Celine in Las Vegas		Judging Amy	News
(41)	Sports	54321	Best Damn Sports Show Period						Sports	Sports
(15)	Movie: "A Knight's Tale" Cont'd						First Look			Movie: "From Hell"
(17)	Sister, Sis.	Lizzie	Movie: "Right on Track"				Teamo	Sister, Sis.	Lizzie	Even
(18)	Movie: "Turbulence" Cont'd						Movie: "Tease"			Movie: "Joy Ride"
(20)	Triathlon: XTerra USA						Ballroom Boxing		ESPNNews	ESPNNews
(44)	Intimate Portrait		Unsolved Mysteries				Movie: "Resurrection"			Golden
(5)	Friends	Seinfeld	Movie: "EDtv"							Movie: "Major League"
(24)	Hey Arnold!	Rugrats	Sponge	Amanda	Kids Say	Kids Say	Cosby	Cosby	3's Co.	3's Co.
(25)	"The Natural" Cont'd						Movie: "French Kiss"			Movie: "Roman Holiday"
(26)	JAG						Movie: "Crocodile Dundee"			JAG
(27)	American Justice		Biography				Cold Case Files			Third Watch
(12)	Home Imp.	Will-Grace	Movie: "Hit and Run"							News
(39)	Crossfire		Connie Chung Tonight				Larry King Live			Newsnight-Aaron Brown

WEDNESDAY EVENING MARCH 26, 2003										
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
(3)	70s Show	70s Show	Enterprise		Twilight Zone		News	Frasier	Frasier	Ent. Tonight
(32)	7th Heaven		Movie: "Teen Wolf"				Whose?	Whose?	700 Club	
6	Hollywood	Seinfeld	Dateline		West Wing		Law & Order	News		
8	Fortune	Jeopardy!	My Wife	Lopez	Bachelor		All American Girl	News		
10	News-Lehrer		Journey to Planet Earth		Becoming American: The Chinese		Feelings	Charlie Rose		
(22)	High School Basketball: McDonald's All-American				NBA Basketball: Los Angeles Lakers at Houston Rockets				Sportsctr.	
(34)	Blind Date	Blind Date	Star Trek: Next Gener.		Movie: "For Your Eyes Only"					
13	Friends	Ent. Tonight	Survivor: The Amazon		60 Minutes II		48 Hours Investigates		News	
(41)	NBA Basketball: Golden State Warriors at Boston Celtics				Postgame		Sports	Sports	Best Damn Sports Show	
(15)	Movie: "The Wedding Planner"				Six Feet Under		Legendary	Real Time	Da Ali G	
(17)	Sister, Sis.	Lizzie	Movie: "Thumbelina"			Teamo	Sister, Sis.	Lizzie	Even	Boy World
(18)	"Say It Isn't So" Cont'd			Movie: "Arachnophobia"			Movie: "Super Troopers"			
(20)	Quest I: Medal Standard		Quest II: Super		ESPNNews		ESPNNews		ESPNNews	
(44)	Intimate Portrait		Unsolved Mysteries		Movie			Golden		Golden
(5)	Friends	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Ripley's Believe It or Not!		Movie: "Money Train"			
(24)	Hey Arnold!	Rugrats	Sponge	Amanda	Kids Say	Kids Say	Cosby	Cosby	3's Co.	3's Co.
(25)	Movie: "Bullitt" Cont'd		Movie: "Chain Reaction"				Movie: "Flesh & Blood"			
(26)	JAG		Movie: "The President's Man"				Movie: "The President's Man: A Line in the Sand"			
(27)	American Justice		Biography		American Justice		City Confidential		Third Watch	
(12)	Home Imp.	Will-Grace	Movie: "Author! Author!"				News		Rockford Files	
(39)	Crossfire		Connie Chung Tonight		Larry King Live		Newsnight-Aaron Brown		Chung	Moneyline

Events Calendar

Public Computer Access — Hours at the SAD44 Adult Learning Center, Philbrook Street, Bethel are: Tuesday, 9 a.m. to noon; Wednesday, 4:30 to 8:30 p.m.; and Thursday, 9 a.m. to noon for academic instruction and GED preparation, as well as use of the computer lab.

Seniors Lunch every Tuesday and Thursday, 11:30 a.m., at Bethel Methodist Church, Main Street, sponsored by SeniorsPlus. Donation for 60 and older and spouses, \$2.50; all other guests, \$4. Reservations important. For information, menus, reservations, call 824-3188 (also the number to call to apply for Meals on Wheels).

9 a.m. (Thursdays) — Oxford Hills Duplicate Bridge at Town and Country Mobile Home Park community center, Norway. All bridge players invited to attend and bring a friend or two. Refreshments. For more information, call Mimi Bell (743-8081) or Rowena Palmer (743-2882) or e-mail bridge@megalink.net.

Week of March 24 — Daffodil Days in Rumford Area. \$6 a bouquet at Hannaford Store, or call (800) 464-3102, press 3 to order in advance. Proceeds benefit American Cancer Society.

Every Saturday, 10 to 11 a.m., — Women in Black, an international peace network where women wear black and mourn victims of war and protest destruction of people, nature and the fabric of life stand in silence across from Norway Library. All welcome.

Thursday, March 20

7 to 8 p.m. (doors open 6:30) — Telstar Middle School annual Science Fair at Telstar Gymnasium. Top 10 classroom projects, Grades 6, 7, 8 judged for Sandy/Andy Science Fair qualification; viewer's choice awards, grades 6, 7, 8; parents, community members, and staff invited to vote for favorites.

Oxford County Democrats meeting at Mexico Town Hall. Potluck supper at 5:30 p.m.; meeting at 6:30. Topic: Update on Redistricting for 2004. FMI, call Cathy Newell, 875-2116, or e-mail cathynewell@megalink.net.

6 p.m. — Potluck Supper at Wilkins House, Waterford. Bring dish to share.

Friday, March 21

7:30 p.m. — Telstar Middle School Awards Assembly at Helen Berry Auditorium. All TMS students expected to attend to display and demonstrate their projects.

7 p.m. — Birding the Internet, monthly meeting program of the Audubon Society of New Hampshire at New Hampshire Community Technical College, Route 16, Berlin, N.H. An on-line presentation using a lap top computer and LCD projector will be used to look at 50 of the top birding areas. Free and open to public. FMI, call (603) 752-1924 or (603) 449-1376.

7 to 9 p.m. — Cross-Country Evening Tour at Black Mountain, Rumford. Meet at touring center at 7 p.m. \$8 for trail pass and refreshments, \$5 for cross-country equipment rentals. Proceeds to benefit Black Mountain X-C programs. FMI, call 364-8977 or 369-0252.

Saturday, March 22

8 to 11:30 p.m. — Old Time Dance at Locke Mills Town Hall with music by the Richard Felt Orchestra. Proceeds benefit Greenwood Historical Society. Everyone welcome.

9 to 12 a.m. — Baseball/Softball Signups at Gould Academy Field House, sponsored by Bethel

Recreation Board. Tryouts scheduled at same time. Registration fee: \$10 per player or \$15 per family for Bethel residents and \$15/\$20, respectively for non-residents.

SunSplash ReggaeFest at Mt. Abram Skiway.

9 to 12 a.m. — Bottle Drive, sponsored by Andover Fifth Grade Class to raise funds for their class trip. Door-to-door collections or bottles can be left at the school Friday evening or early Saturday morning.

Sunday, March 23

7:30 to 11 a.m. — A Country Breakfast, sponsored by Bethel Rotary Club at Ordway Hall, Gould Academy to benefit scholarships and international projects. Adults, \$5; children, \$2.50.

Tuesday, March 25

7 p.m. — Bethel 2003 Committee meeting at the Town Office meeting room.

Thursday, March 27

7 p.m. — Bethel Area Poets Society meeting at Rockie Graham's home in Newry. All are welcome.

9 a.m. — Daffodils on sale at Bethel Foodliner. Proceeds benefit the American Cancer Society.

Friday, March 28

6:30 (sign-up) — Open Mic at Norway Coffeehouse, hosted by Heather Pierson and Diane Vincent at the First Unitarian Universalist Church, Norway. Raffle items. 50/50. Proceeds to benefit The Peter Lenz Fire Relief Fund. FMI, call Heather at 935-4505.

Saturday, March 29

8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. — Public Meeting hosted by U.S. Forest Service, White Mountain National Forest to present the draft management alternatives that are part of the ongoing efforts to revise the current Forest Plan. The meeting will be at Hyde Hall, Plymouth State College. Bring lunch. FMI, call (603) 528-8777.

10 a.m. to 2 p.m. — Bake Sale by Albany Youth Group at Bethel Foodliner.

6 p.m. — Benefit Supper for Phil Korhonen at Locke Mills Legion Hall. Menu: home baked beans, chop suey, salad, cake, beverage (\$6 for adults, 12 to 6, \$3 and under 5 free).

2 to 4:30 p.m. — March Song Circle at Fare Share Commons, 447 Main Street, Norway. Bring banjo, drum or fiddle, or just join and tap your feet. Sponsored by Commons Music Collective. Donation: \$1.

March 30-31

Indoor Rummage Sale at Ledgeview Living Center Activity Room, West Paris. Sunday, 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Proceeds to benefit Ledgeview Resident Council.



Diane Muise of Auburn will present a concert of Gospel music at Church of the Nazarene, Bethel on Saturday, April 5 at 7 p.m. Public cordially invited to attend. No admission charge but freewill offering accepted for Muise Music Ministry. A winner of numerous national awards for her singing and songwriting, Muise has recorded nine solo albums in Nashville and recorded a live concert album in Auburn, Maine.

Wednesday, April 2

7 p.m. — Public Hearing on Sunday's Well Restaurant by Town of Newry Planning Board at Newry Town Office.

Thursday, April 3

Woodstock-Greenwood Senior Citizens meeting at Franklin Grange, Bryant Pond with dinner by Daughters of Union Veterans and program by Anita Wiles from Seniors Plus.

Friday, April 4

7 to 8 p.m. — Debi Irons, improvisational dancer, and Tom Zicarelli, jazz saxophonist will be featured artists in the Mahoosuc Arts Council's Meet the Artists Series at the Trustee's Auditorium in the McLaughlin Science Center at Gould Academy. Seating limited. Admission: \$5 for adults and \$2 for students. FMI, call 824-3575.

Saturday, April 5

7 p.m. — Diane Muise of Auburn will present a concert of Gospel music at Church of the Nazarene, Bethel. Public cordially invited to attend. No admission charge but freewill offering accepted for Muise Music Ministry.

5:30 to 9:30 p.m. — Benefit for Barbara Amburgey, long-time Sunday River skier and condo owner who is a quadriplegic after a skiing accident on Dec. 8, will be held at the Grand Summit Hotel Ballroom featuring live and silent auction, buffet, cash bar and music. Tickets: \$25 on sale now (call Stu Jones at 824-6408 or 895-9551). Proceeds to help defray enormous costs to get her from rehabilitation to home.

2 p.m. — Benefit Concert by the Maine Kantele Consort playing Finnish folk instruments at Oxford Hills Comprehensive High School

Forum. Music, refreshments and raffles. Donations accepted to benefit The Maine Kantele Institute, South Portland in July. FMI, call Barbara Honkala at 824-2711.

Tuesday, April 8

6:30 p.m. — Telstar Alumni Association Meeting at Telstar Regional High School Conference Room (across from the guidance room).

Wednesday, April 9

11 a.m. — Bethel Senior Citizens Club luncheon (\$6.50) and meeting at Gorham, N.H., Legion Hall.

Thursday, April 10

6 p.m. — Oxford County Soil and Water Conservation District annual meeting at South Paris Congregational Church. Admission: \$7 includes dinner. Reserve seats and pre-pay by April 3 at Oxford County SWCD, 1570 Main, Suite 10, Oxford, ME 04270.

Saturday, April 12

11 a.m. (doors open) bingo at 12:30 p.m. — Basket Bingo at St. Athanasius and St. John Church hall, Rumford. Tickets: \$10 for 20 games. FMI, call Donald Fournier at 364-2528.

Friday, April 18

Tally Ho 4-H Club "Take-a-chance" Auction at Telstar Regional High School.

Saturday, April 19

9 a.m. to 2 p.m. — Easter Bake Sale at Tri-Town ambulance barn on Route 26, West Paris.

Thursday, April 24

One-day trip to Foxwoods and Mohegan Sun, sponsored by Oxford Hills AARP. FMI, call Walter or Henrietta Taft at 743-3970.

Church Services

Bethel

Bethel Alliance Church—Rev. Rick Mowery, 10:00 a.m. worship. Sunday School at 9:00 a.m. Evening fellowship and youth ministries 6:00pm, Sundays. Prayer fellowship 7:00 p.m. Wednesdays.

Church of the Nazarene—Pastor Chuck Mason, 9:30 a.m. Sunday school (2 hours, including recreation activities; call 824-4028 for transportation), 10:30 a.m. morning worship, 6 p.m. evening service. 824-4028 (voice mail) or 824-7289 for more info.

West Parish Congregational—Rev. Daniel Johnson, 10:30 a.m. worship. Nursery care provided. Prayer, Tues., 8 a.m. For more information call 824-8860.

Our Lady of the Snows—Mass—Saturday, 5:00 p.m. Dec. 21 - March 29. Pastor Father Maurice Lebel 743-2606.

United Methodist—Rev. Betsy S. Webber, Pastor, 11 a.m. Sunday worship. Rainbow Church School, 3-5 p.m. Thursdays (all ages welcome).

West Bethel Union—9 a.m. worship and Sunday school. For info. call 836-2844 or 836-2882. Rev. Earl H. Bell.

Pleasant Valley Bible—Pastor Clifford McMullen, 9 a.m. Sunday school, 10 a.m. worship, 836-2828.

Episcopal House Church—Holy communion service the third Sunday of every month at 4:00pm at 38 Chapman Street. For further info, call the Reverend Gwyneth Bohr at 824-2913. (Will be held on the 23rd at 5 p.m.)

Church of Christ—at home of Keith Hamel, minister, 507 Walker's Mill Road (Rt. 26), Bethel. Worship at 10 a.m. Sunday. Bible study at 11 a.m. 824-3577.

Worldwide Church of God—10:30 a.m. first, second third (and fifth) Saturday each month. Services held in the dining hall of the West Parish Congregational Church. Contact: George Weber, 892-0779.

Woodstock

Bryant Pond Baptist—Rev. Peter Laitres, Sundays: Sunday School 9:15am; Adult Bible Fellowship 9:15am; Morning Worship 10:30am; Choir Practice 4:45pm; Evening Preaching Service 6:00pm. Wednesdays: Patch the Pirate Club 6:30pm; Prayer Meeting and Bible Study 6:30pm.

Woodstock Seventh-day Adventist—Pastor Richard Wright (207-797-9678), Saturday: 9:20 a.m. Sabbath school, 11 a.m. worship service.

Pinhook Meeting House (Rt. 232, North Woodstock)—Hymn Sing, last Friday of each month, 7 p.m. All welcome. Mahoosuc Mountains Friends—a worship group meeting in the unprogrammed tradition of Friends (Quakers)—Sundays, 9:30 a.m. at the Whitman Memorial Library; Bryant Pond. Newcomers welcome. First Day School activities provided for children. Call Arla Patch 665-2224 for more info.

Andover

First Congregational Church—Pastor Jane Rich. Sunday morning worship 10am followed by coffee fellowship. Sunday School on Tuesdays from 3-4:15pm for children in grades K-5. Thursday, choir practice at 6:30. All are welcome.

Calvary Bible Church—Pastor John O'Keefe. Winter hours: Sunday School 9:30am, Sunday AM worship 10:45am, Wednesday bible study and prayer meeting 6:45pm, Thursday Men's Discipleship 7:00pm, Contact church for schedule of Ladies Discipleship and bible study groups. Route 5, S. Andover. 392-1121.

Gorham, N.H.

Assembly of God—Pastor Paul Leigen. Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Sunday service 10:30 a.m., Sunday evening service 7 p.m., Wednesday Bible study 7 p.m. (603-466-2851).

Locke Mills

Locke Mills Union—Rev. Micheal Johnson. Worship will be held at 10:00am.

East Stoneham

Oxford County United Parish—Rev. George Froberg, 10 a.m. worship and Sunday School; Sunday morning worship will be held at the North Waterford Church beginning November 3 and continuing through the winter months.

Newry

Newry Community Church—Sunday worship service, 9 a.m. Rodney H. Hanscom, pastor. (Services in the church will resume in April)

Albany

Congregational Church—Hunt's Corner, 9:30 a.m. Sunday worship and Sunday School; Pastor Eddie Gammon. Bible Study 6:30 Thursdays at the church.

Norway/Paris

Christian Science Society (5 Aldrich Ave.)—Sunday Service 10 a.m., Wed. Testimony Service 7:30 p.m. Call 824-4099 for info or ride.

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church—Route 117N, S. Paris, Pastor Tom Teichmann. Sunday Morning Service 9 a.m. with coffee fellowship immediately after.

North Paris Federation—Morse Hill Road, North Paris. Sunday Service 8 a.m. Pastor Bruce Tyner. 674-2968. Singership third Sunday each month alternating with West Paris Baptist Church at 7pm.

Oxford Hills Friends (Quakers)—Sunday worship 9:30 a.m., Children's program, 9:40 a.m. at HOPE Ripley Center, High Street, S. Paris. Call 583-2780 for more information.

Christ Episcopal Church—35 Paris St. Sunday services at 8 and 10 a.m. Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. Rev. Anne Stanley. Call 743-6782 for more information.

Rumford

St. Barnabas Episcopal Church—Mass, 9:30 a.m. Rev. Canon Henry Male, Jr. Special holidays will be announced. Stone church at the rotary.

Rumford Center

Praise Assembly of God—Pastor James Michaels. Sunday School 9:00am, Sunday worship service at 10:00am. Sunday prayer meeting at 6:00pm. Wednesday night bible study at 7:00pm. East Andover Rd. For more information, call 364-3856.

Rumford Point

Rumford Point Church—Sunday service, Sunday School, 8:30 a.m. Pastor Michael F. Johnson.

West Paris

Unitarian Universalist Church of West Paris—UU Rev. Joy Gasta, 9 a.m. worship (Sept.-mid-June). 674-2365.

West Paris Baptist—Sunday Worship 9:15 a.m., Bruce Tyner, Pastor. Adult Education and Sunday School 10:15 a.m., Sunday evening worship with Bible reading 7:00 p.m., Wednesday evening choir practice at 6 followed by prayer meeting and Bible study, 7 p.m. (Third Sunday of each month, Singership alternating between North Paris Federated and West Paris Baptist).

West Paris Congregational Church—Linda Kimball, pastor. Sunday Worship 11 a.m.; Sunday School 10 a.m.

Harrison

Bolster's Mills United Methodist Church—Bolster's Mills Road, Harrison, Maine. Rev. Walter R. Brown, Pastor. Sunday worship at 8:45 a.m. Church school 10:15a.m. for kids Kindergarten - Grade 12. Call 583-9024 or (207) 998-7040 for more information.

Sumner

East Sumner Congregational—Linda Kimball, pastor. Sunday service, 9 a.m.

Sunday River Skiway

Sunday River Christian Ministry—Rev. Don Coverdale. On mountain interdenominational worship service every Sunday December 29 to April 22 at 10:30 a.m. Located on second floor of the River House - green building just beyond South Ridge Base Lodge. Sunday River Trolley service available or ski to the River House. Special services: Easter Sunrise, Columbus Day Weekend, Thanksgiving, and Christmas Eve. Call 846-5896 for more information.

Support Services

Abused Women's Advocacy Project

AWAP serves all of Oxford County and provides emergency shelter, court advocacy and support groups with child care. Rumford office 369-0750; Norway office 743-5806; 24-hour hotline 1-800-559-2927.

Alcohol/Drug Treatment

Gateway Recovery Services—Outpatient counseling services available at Bethel Family Health Center, Mondays and Wednesdays. For info, call 207-743-7580.

Diabetes Support Group

The Diabetes Support Group meets on the third Wednesday of each month. The meeting is held from 6:30-7:30pm in the Harper Conference Center in the Ripley Medical Building. All are welcome to attend. For more information, please contact Betty Sirois at 743-5933.

Exchanges

District Exchange Community Thrift Shop accepts donations of in-season clothing in clean, wearable condition only. Drop-off hours and shopping: Monday, 10 to 4 p.m.; Thursday 3 to 5 p.m. and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The Woodstock Seventh Day Adventist Church Community Service Center announces that individuals or families requiring assistance with food needs in the South Woodstock, Bryant Pond, West Paris and Sumner areas are invited to call 674-2566, 674-2663, or 665-2226 to learn more details.

MS Self-Help Group

Meets the first Friday of the month from 1-2:30 p.m. at the West Parish Congregational Church, next to Gould Academy. For more information, call Gale Taut at 836-2900.

Mental Illness Support Group

Beacon House Social Club, 150 Congress Street, Rumford, a drop-in social club for adults suffering with mental, emotional or physical illness, provides support, relaxation and socialization. Monday, 1 to 5 p.m.; Tuesday, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.; Wednesday, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Thursday, 3 p.m. to 8 p.m.; Friday, 2 p.m. to 7 p.m.; Saturday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oxford County Mental Health Services, support for adults and children with mental illness same location, second floor, open Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, call 364-3549 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays or (800) 335-9999 off hours. 928-3222.

REACH

Rape Education and Crisis Hotline 1-800-871-7741. Sexual assault/sexual abuse hotline, same number. Support groups and awareness education, past or present victims of abuse.

Veterans' Services (State/VA Benefits)

Maine Veterans Home, S. Paris, first and third Wednesday each month, 9 to 12 noon (743-6300); Rumford Employ. Sec. Bldg. (364-3718), second and fourth Thursday, 9 to 12 noon; Lewiston (795-4590), 200 Main St., 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday thru Friday, location: Monday-Sunday School 2:45-4:15 p.m. Tel. 392-4841. (new members welcome)

Library Hours

Andover Library: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday, 1-4:30 p.m.; Thursday, 6 to 8 p.m. Tel. 392-4841.

Bethel Library: Monday, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.; Tuesday, 1-5 p.m.; Wednesday, 1-8 p.m.; Thursday 1-5 p.m.; Friday, 1-5 p.m.; Saturday, 9-1 p.m. Story Hour Mondays, 10-11 a.m. October to May. Michelle Conroy, Librarian. 824-2520.

Crescent Park Elementary School: Open every Wednesday evening from 6p.m. to 10p.m. to the Public.

Hamlin Memorial Library: Paris Hill: Tuesday-Friday, 11:30-5:30; Saturday, 10-2; Wednesday evening, 7-9 p.m. Tel. 743-2980.

Whitman Memorial Library, Bryant Pond: Tel. 665-2505.

Library hours: Tuesday & Thursday 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Wednesday and Friday 12 p.m. and 4 p.m.

West Paris Library, West Paris: Monday 1:30-5 p.m.; Wednesday, 1:30-7 p.m.; Friday, 1:30-5 p.m. 674-2004.

Gardner Roberts Memorial Library, Hanover: Wednesday, 10-12 through July and August. Story Upton Library: Saturdays 9a.m. - 11a.m.

Monthly Meetings

First Sunday: Bethel Snow Twisters Club meets at Clayton Crockett's at 7 p.m. September through April.

Greenstock Snow Sports Snowmobile Club meets at the Greenwood Town Office at 9 a.m.

Windy Valleys Snowmobile Club meeting at Newry Town Office.

Second Sunday: Western Maine Mountain Trail Mixers ATV Club meets at 6:30pm at Sun Valley Sports, 129 Sunday River Road, Bethel. New members welcome.

Every Sunday: Western Mountains Meditation Group, Center for Natural Healing, 47 Pioneer Street, West Paris, 9:30 a.m. 674-3961.

Bethel Freedom Group AA meeting, 6 to 7 p.m. ST/BB at Bethel Fire Station.

First and Third Monday: Bethel Board of Selectmen meets at the Town Office, 7 p.m.

Newry Fire Department monthly meetings: first Monday, 7 p.m., at Sunday River Station; third Monday, 7 p.m., Bear River Station.

Franklin Grange #124, 7:00p.m., call 674-3046 or 674-3962 for more info.

First Monday: Greenwood Planning Board meets at Town Office, 7 p.m.

Second Monday: Newry Mother's Club meets, 7:30 p.m.

Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, 1 Grover Tent #17, Ellis River Road meet at Andover Fire Station, 7 p.m.

Third and Fourth Monday: Greenwood Comprehensive Planning Committee meets at town office, 7p.m.

Second and Fourth Monday: SAD44 Board of Directors meets in Bethel, Woodstock or Andover at 7:30 p.m. Call 824-2185 for place.

Gilead Fire Department meets at the Fire Station at 7 p.m.

Every Monday: Mahoosuc Music Makers rehearsal, 7-9 p.m., West Parish Congregational Church (downstairs).

First Tuesday: Upton selectmen meet at 7 p.m. at Town Office.

Western Maine Kniters Guild meets at Christ Church, Norway, 10 a.m. to noon.

First and Third Tuesday: The Greater Rumford Alliance for the Mentally Ill-Children and Adolescent Network (GRAMI-CAN) Support, education and advocacy. Meets in the former St. John's rectory from 6:30-8 p.m. in Rumford. Contact Diane at 369-0542.

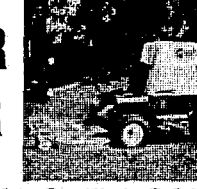
Bethel Area Promise Keepers, 7 p.m., Bethel Alliance Church.

FACTS (Families/Friends And Consumers Together for Support) 6:30-8 p.m. at Ethel Bisbee Adult Learning Center. Contact Rhonda at 824-3076.

Greenwood selectmen meet at Town Office, 5 p.m.

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This month during the group meeting, Rosie Cross, RNC, staff development coordinator for the facility, presented an overview of the process of the disease, and some coping skills for families and loved ones. Many questions were addressed to Cross, who does monthly dementia training for the staff members at the home. Ideas were presented on how to talk with the person afflicted with dementia, what to do for activities, how to keep them active, and how to handle the "bad days." Cross stressed that the most important tool to use is to "Rejoice in the Good Days," savoring every moment that your loved one has clear thoughts on that particular day. "Let the hugs be abundant and be thankful for that experience. Hold that memory close to your heart when a not-so-good day comes along."

The Maine Alzheimer's Association support groups are held on the first Monday of each month, from 1 to 3 p.m. in the conference room. All are welcome. For more information, call 743-6300, or visit us at our Web site: www.mainealzheimerhomes.org.

From the White Mountain National Forest

Did you know that the nearly 800,000-acre White Mountain National Forest spans two states, counts 57 towns as neighbors, supports wildlife habitats ranging from soggy marshes to sloping forests to windy alpine areas, provides clean water and recreation for millions of people each year, and offers raw

materials needed for local livelihoods?

This expanse of public land spreads in all directions from the majestic Mt. Washington of New Hampshire, reaching north and south through the notched landscape, west toward the Green Mountains, and east to the foothills of western Maine. The U.S. Forest Service manages this "land of many uses" with the mission of providing a balanced mix of activities and opportunities for today's society while conserving the natural resources for future generations.

Managing this land is collaboration between the U.S. Forest Service and all citizens who choose to be involved. The White Mountain National Forest is currently revising the Forest Plan to keep up-to-date with new laws, policies, and science, and to reflect changes in public sentiment about public land management.

Public involvement is essential in producing a viable Forest Plan. There have been many public meetings and much public input incorporated into the Forest Plan revision process in the last several years.

A public meeting is scheduled for March 29 from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. in Hyde Hall, Room 220, at Plymouth State College in Plymouth, N.H. The doors will be open at 8:30 a.m. for the public to preview maps prior to the meeting. Forest Service staff will present the four draft management alternatives developed for revising the current Forest Plan. There will be time for group discussion about how the alternatives relate to land allocations, vegetation management, and recreation management in the national forest.

You are encouraged to come and learn about what has been accomplished and how to remain involved through the remaining phases of Forest Plan revision. Comments on the draft alternatives will be accepted at the meeting and also until April 18.

For directions to Plymouth State College, visit www.plymouth.edu or call (603) 535-5000. If you are unable to attend and need information about the draft alternatives,

please contact Colleen Mainville at: (603) 528-8796 or TTY (603) 528-8722. Be sure to bring a lunch for a short break at noon.

From the Bethel Historical Society's Regional History Center

A new book, Craig R. Whitney's "All The Stops: The Glorious Pipe Organ And Its American Masters" (New York: Public Affairs, 2003), has just been published and an autographed copy received by Society Director Stanley R. Howe. Last summer, Mr. Whitney visited Bethel in search of photographs, letters, etc., relating to Ernest M. Skinner, the famed organ builder, who married Mabel Hastings of Bethel's Broad Street in 1893. Both Ernest and Mabel Skinner are buried in Woodland Cemetery in Bethel.

The book contains several chapters relating to the importance of Skinner's work with pipe organs, several photographs of Skinner as well as numerous references to him and his influence upon other organ builders throughout the volume. Whitney reviews some of the more noteworthy successors to Skinner including G. Donald Harrison and Charles B. Fisk. He also provides interesting chapters on two of the most famous players of pipe organs in the latter half of the 20th century, namely Virgil Fox and E. Power Biggs.

While in Bethel in 2002, Whitney and his wife toured the Hastings Homestead (where Skinner was married) and visited the famed organ builder's grave at Woodland Cemetery. An amateur organist, Whitney has been a New York Times reporter in many parts of Europe and Asia. Currently an assistant managing editor for The Times, he has also played and written about pipe organs around the world.

More than a thousand members strong, the Bethel Historical Society was founded in 1966.



MEMBERS OF THE BETHEL LEAGUE—an organization of former patients of Bethel's famed psychotherapist Dr. J. G. Gehring, gather on the steps of the Bethel Inn on 20 September 1915. The future philanthropist William Bingham II is in the second row, second from the right. He served as the treasurer for the Bethel League during its two or three years of existence. This photograph is among thousands that can be found at the Bethel Historical Society, which also possesses an outstanding collection of manuscripts, books, documents, and artifacts relating to western Maine and northern New Hampshire. To learn more about the society, call 824-2908 or (800) 824-2910, e-mail info@bethelhistorical.org or visit the Web site at www.bethelhistorical.org

News and photos from clubs and organizations

The Citizen welcomes submissions of news items and photographs from local clubs and organizations. The deadline for clubs and organizational items is noon Monday, but earlier submission is appreciated. All news articles should be typed or printed legibly, and include the name and daytime telephone number of a contact person.

Submissions can be dropped off at The Citizen office (behind the Bethel Town Office) or mailed to P.O. Box 109, Bethel, ME, 04217. During non-business hours, items can be placed in the mailbox outside our office. For further information, call 824-2444. News and photos can also be submitted by e-mail: news@bethelcitizen.com.

Photos: When submitting photographs, please identify the nature and date of the activity, the names of the people shown in the photograph, and the name of the photographer. Please also provide the name and telephone number of a contact person.

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The application is for stream habitat restoration within the headwaters of Great Brook on lands of the White Mountain National Forest located within the town of Stoneham, Maine.

A request for a public hearing or a request that the Board of Environmental assume jurisdiction over this application must be received by the Department, in writing, no later than 20 days after the application is found by the Department to be complete and is accepted for processing. A public hearing may or may not be held at the discretion of the Commissioner or Board of Environmental Protection. Public comment on the application will be accepted throughout the processing of the application. The application will be filed for public inspection at the Department of Environmental Protection's office in Augusta, Maine during normal working hours. A copy of the application may also be seen at the municipal offices in Stoneham, Maine.

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Notice to Veterans
Veterans or widows of veterans age 62 or older, who may be eligible for property tax exemption under our Maine Laws, should be familiar with the requirement, where by, application for tax exemption must be made to the assessors before April 1st of the year in which exemption is expected to begin.

Blind Exemption
Exemptions are available to persons determined to be blind within the definition provided by title 22, Chapter 959, who are receiving aid under that Chapter. Exemption must be filed with assessors before April 1st of the year in which the exemption is expected to begin.

Assessor's Notice
In accordance with the provisions of Chapter 91-A, Section 34 RS, 1954. Amend, all resident and non-resident property owners are hereby notified to bring in to the assessors on or before April 1st, 2003, a true copy and perfect list of their estates, real or personal, of which they are possessed on April 1st, 2003, and be prepared to take oath on same. Any person who neglects to comply with this notice is barred his rights to make an application to the assessors or the Assessment Board of Review for any abatement of his tax unless he satisfies the assessors that he/she was unable to offer it at the appointed time.

Town of Bethel 2003 Committee Meeting
Tuesday, March 25, 2003
at 7pm in the Town Office Meeting Room
The Town of Bethel's 2003 Committee will meet to begin the process of preparing a final proposal for LAND MANAGEMENT STANDARDS, which will be voted on at the June Town Meeting. The Committee will revise the proposed Land Management Standards based on public input received during three forums held over the past three months. The proposed Land Management Standards are designed to implement recommendations of the Bethel Comprehensive Plan adopted in 1998. All meetings of the Bethel 2003 Committee are open to the public.

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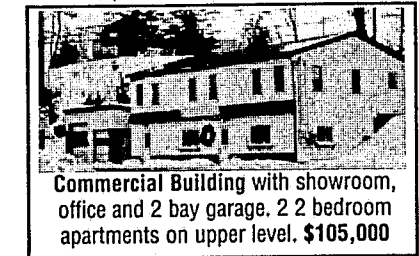
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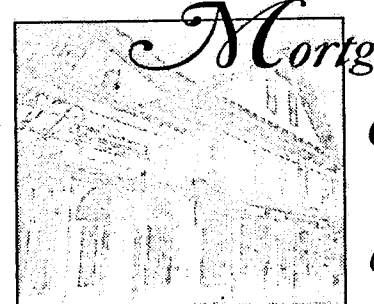
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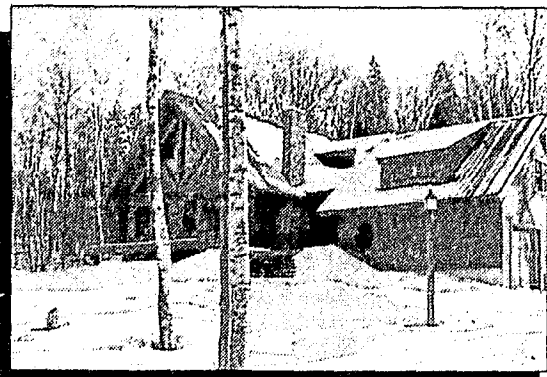
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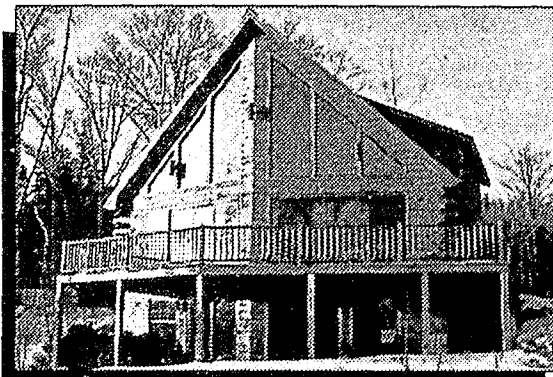
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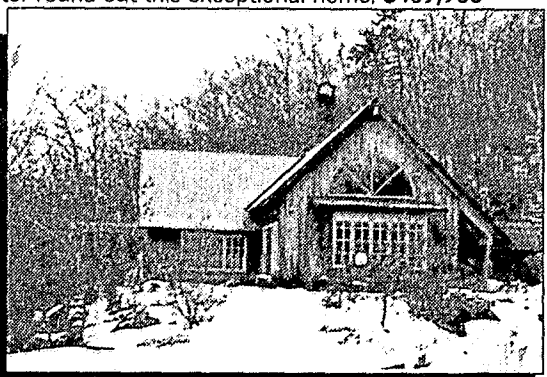
CHALET STYLE HOME: Located on an oversized 5+/- private lot in Sunny Hills subdivision in Newry. Breathtaking views of Sunday River ski slopes. 3 bedrooms, 2 baths log sided brand new construction. Granite countertops, stainless steel appliances, cathedral ceiling and an oversized deck and open floor plan. Daylight basement. **\$329,000**



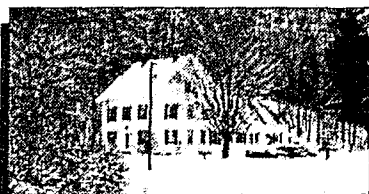
DRAMATIC LOG HOME AT POWDER RIDGE: This 3 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath home with beautiful views of the Mahoosuc Mountains features unsurpassed British Columbian log construction. Warm and inviting open floor plan includes many special features, fieldstone fireplace, granite countertops, expansive windows and a large family room. A 2-car garage with direct entry, a state of the art heating system and a generator round out this exceptional home. **\$489,900**



Superior Log Home: Highest quality products used to build and furnish this quintessential log home. This is the ideal design for a ski home with its prow front-wall of windows and breathtaking views of Sunday River. Layout includes four bedrooms, three baths, mudroom, open-cathedral living room with stone fireplace, dining room, kitchen, family room, laundry room, master bedroom with large marble tiled bath including spa tub and large shower, huge gourmet kitchen with Dynasty gas stove, granite tiled countertops, cherry cabinets and more. **\$475,000**



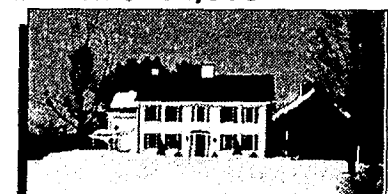
STORYBOOK COTTAGE: Located on top of Sunny Hills, this home has many unique and delightful details. Great windows that bring the outside in, small farm pond, unsurpassed views of Sunday River Ski Resort. Truly a home of character. **\$389,000**



HISTORIC 1830 JOHN EAMES HOUSE: Located in the scenic Sunday River Valley with panoramic views of the western mountains, this warm and inviting seven bedroom home has private baths, awesome post and beam family room, 1200+/- feet of frontage on Sunday River with private cabin, tennis court, in-ground heated pool, hot tub. 10+/- acres. Currently operating as a B&B. **\$575,000**



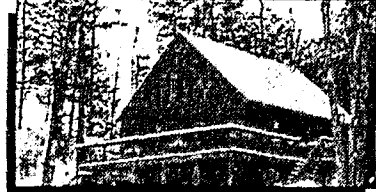
Premier Sunday River Home: Beautiful mountain-side home adjacent to South Ridge Area. 50 yards walking access to lodge and trails. 1+/- acre lot in coveted subdivision. 5+/- bedroom, 4 bath contemporary features cathedral ceilings, spiral staircase, hardwood floors throughout, paladian windows, gourmet kitchen, game room, sunroom leading to 10 person spa-jacuzzi on private deck. Full views of White Cap, Barker, Locke, South Ridge and North Peak trails. Unique home design allows for lookout guest apartment with 2nd kitchen, 2 car garage. The only property of its kind available. **\$639,000**



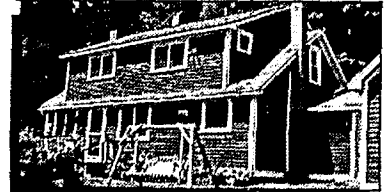
SUNSET FARM: This prominent Bethel landmark, built in 1826, has been lovingly restored and enhanced with two modern additions. Situated on 18+/- scenic acres with a farm pond, Androscoggin River frontage and unsurpassed views. A well designed floor plan featuring 6 fireplaces, 6+ bedrooms, offices, formal dining and living rooms, den, family room. Two car garage, 10 stall barn. **\$795,000**



DELIGHTFUL THREE BEDROOM LOG SIDED HOME: Located in a nice rural subdivision, this two year old home has a nice open floor plan. Hardwood floors, gas woodstove, unfinished daylight basement with many possibilities. **\$169,000**



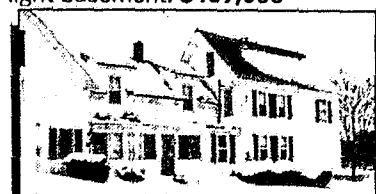
WONDERFUL CONTEMPORARY HOME: Located on a secluded lot approximately 9 miles from the Village of Bethel, this attractively built home has lots of glass, cathedral ceiling, beautiful exposed beams, pine floors. Spacious daylight basement. **\$159,000**



CHARMING CAPE W/ BEAUTIFUL VIEWS OF NORTH POND: Three bedroom dormered Cape with beautiful North Pond views. Tastefully renovated with cherry kitchen, hardwood floor, fireplace, wrap around deck, wonderful master bedroom suite. Newly built oversized two car garage with breezeway. **\$230,000**



CONVENIENT CONTEMPORARY HOME: Located close to the Village, yet on a nice secluded lot on Paradise Road, this spacious five bedroom home has an efficiency apartment and many fine details. Formal dining room and living room with fireplace, sun room overlooking an above ground pool. Three car oversized garage. Farm pond, nicely landscaped yard. **\$399,000**



WELL MAINTAINED SPACIOUS HOME: Located in the Village of Bethel, this home has nice woodwork, hardwood floors, large kitchen with family room, dining room, sunny living room, four bedrooms, two baths. In-law apt, barn, two car garage. **\$239,000**



SOUTH POND SHORES - UNDER CONSTRUCTION: Three bedroom/two bath log sided home at South Pond Shores. 5+/- acres of land, deeded access to South Pond. Daylight walkout basement. Gas fireplace. **\$179,000**



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GREAT LOCATION CLOSE TO SKI RESORT: Three bedroom fully furnished home located within 1 mile of Sunday River Ski Resort with great views of White Heat. This immaculate home, low maintenance home has been well maintained and heats very easily. Great for a primary or vacation home. **\$134,900**



CLASSIC NEW ENGLAND VILLAGE HOME: Located on desirable Paradise Road in Bethel, this charming home has been updated and still retains all of its charm. Currently a two family home with each unit offering 2 bedrooms and 1 bath. Enclosed porch, attached barn & detached garage. Wonderful lot on a nice residential street. **\$168,000**



SPACIOUS 4 BEDROOM HOME: Situated on a corner lot on desirable Paradise Road, this wonderful home features 3 enclosed porches, hardwood flooring and a detached garage. Recently repainted exterior. Close to country club. **\$138,900**

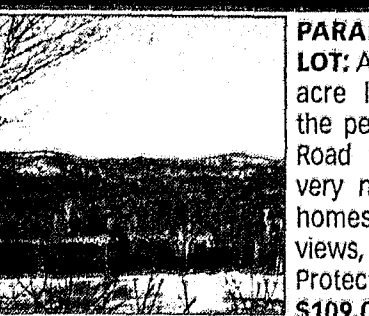


ANTIQUE NEW ENGLAND STYLE CAPE: This charming old home with an attached ell and barn boasts 6 bedrooms and 4 baths located close to the Village. Formal dining room. New kitchen, fenced in back yard, lovely mountain views and a deck with a hot tub! **\$189,000**



ATTRACTIVE SPLIT FOYER: This 3 bedroom, 2 bath home is situated between two ski areas. Many possibilities - potential for a 2 family. Built in bunks, large deck, new heating system and roof. **\$105,000**

LAND LISTINGS



PARADISE ROAD LOT: A rare find! 2+/- acre lot located at the peak of Paradise Road in an area of very nice residential homes. Outstanding views, gently sloping. Protective covenants. **\$109,000**

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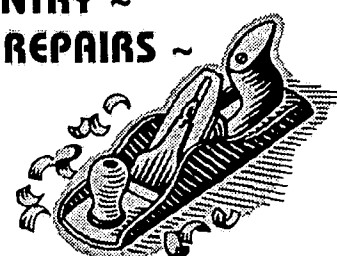
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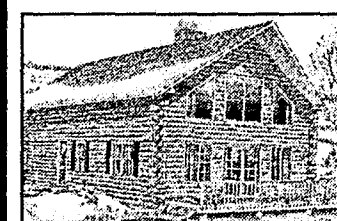


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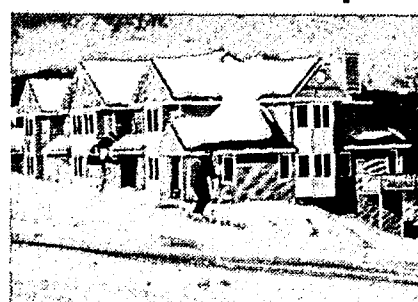
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S-143-IV SOLD
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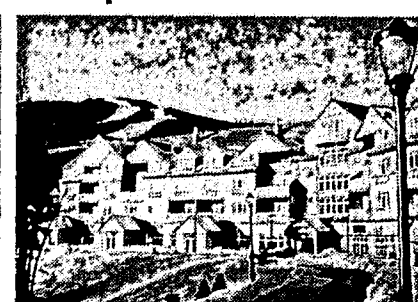
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FALL LINE - N-105
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WHITE CAP - B-315
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BROOKSIDE II - B-108
This one bedroom, one bath unit has easy access to the Roadrunner Trail. Amenities include an outdoor heated pool, saunas, hot tub, recreation room with fireplace, private owner's lounge, laundry and owners, ski lockers on property.

BROOKSIDE I - B-402
If you are looking to purchase a property with a view, this is the one. There are only 2 two bedroom one bath units available in this building with easy access to the Roadrunner Trail. An indoor pool, saunas, hot tub, and recreation room with fireplace completes the picture.



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ONE/TWO BEDROOMS: Two baths, living room, dining area, full kitchen, sleep 4-8

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North Pond, Woodstock: One, if not THE best sandy beach on North Pond! Right by the water, this neat-as-a-pin home has a southerly exposure and a great enclosed porch and deck to enjoy the beautiful lakefront views. With easy accessibility, paved driveway and large garage, this house is waiting to be your year-round lake home or second home getaway. \$249,000



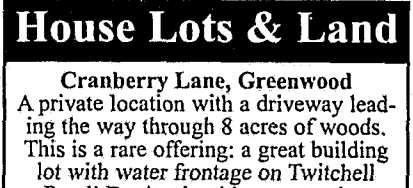
Mt. Abram, Greenwood: One of the nicest homes in Mt. Abram Village, this 4BR, 3 1/2 Bath beauty must be viewed to be appreciated! Sitting high at the end of the road with great slope views, it boasts all the amenities needed to entertain or have guests: rec room, bar, hot tub and plenty of space. Just reduced to \$199,000



Lake Christopher, Bryant Pond: Spectacular waterfront property in the heart of Maine's western mountains & only 15 mi. from Sunday River Ski Resort. Custom-built with 3+BR's, 3 1/2 baths, great room with double-sided fireplace, gourmet kitchen with pantry, master suite with spa room, Jacuzzi, large garage, screened porch and decks overlooking 200' of lake frontage, boat dock and mountain views. Tastefully landscaped & appropriately offered at \$567,000



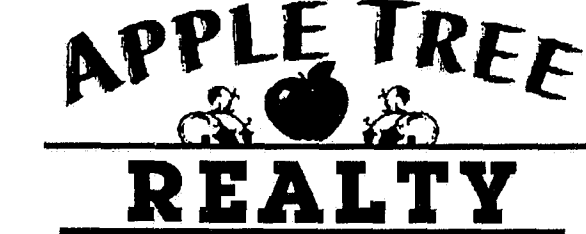
Cranberry Lane, Greenwood: A private location with a driveway leading to the way through 8 acres of woods. This is a rare offering: a great building lot with water frontage on Twitchell Pond! Don't miss this opportunity. \$39,900



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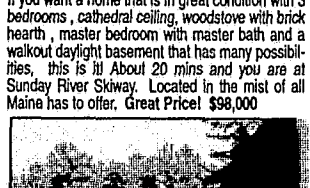
4 Bedrooms, Barn and More: Beautiful fire place, brick hearth, fruit trees and two Ponds, what more could you ask for! How about a barn big enough to fit your large boat or RV! \$155,000



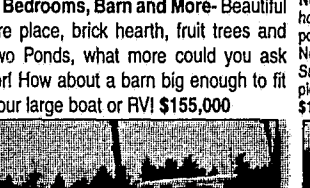
New Home under construction: This enchanting home welcomes you to its wrap around farmers porch on 5+ acres. Great location to Mt. Abram, North Pond, Snowmobile trail & about 20 min to Sunday River. Come soon and have the option to pick out your floor and cabinets. New Listing \$185,900 With 13.5+/- Acreage \$220,900



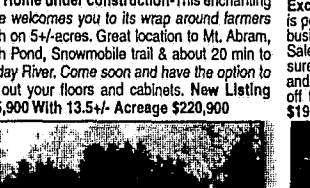
Excellent Home Base Opportunity: This home is perfect for the person looking for a home base business. Formerly a successful Auto Truck Sales and Repair shop. Excellent RTT 26 exposure. This includes nice new sliding building and home. What a great opportunity! Home is set on the road behind shop and storage building. \$195,000



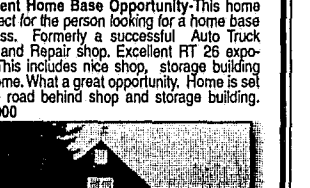
Albany Home-Great Home: only 3 miles from Bethel Village. This home comes fully furnished. 4 Bd/2 up & 2 down, 1 full bath & 2 1/2 baths. 3.5 acres. Many exceptional features with quality workmanship throughout. Great kitchen and 5 min to Mt. Abram. 2 Full baths, with step down dining area. Must see to appreciate. \$155,000



Woodstock: Great secluded spot but still close to town. This property offers comes fully furnished. 4 Bd/2 up & 2 down, oversized 2 car garage, and great yard. Only 15 min to Sunday River workmanship throughout. Great kitchen and 5 min to Mt. Abram. 2 Full baths, with step down dining area. Must see to appreciate. \$155,000



This rustic camp will make a great snowmobile getaway. Only yards from one of Maine's best snow trails and with mountain views. Only minutes from Sunday River Ski Way and 3 miles from Grafton Notch State Park. New Listing \$53,000



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Andover: Place your dream home amongst the tall pines and big oaks. Sit and gaze at the majestic Mt. Washington. The lot is 2.6 Acres. Property like this is hard to find. \$58,000

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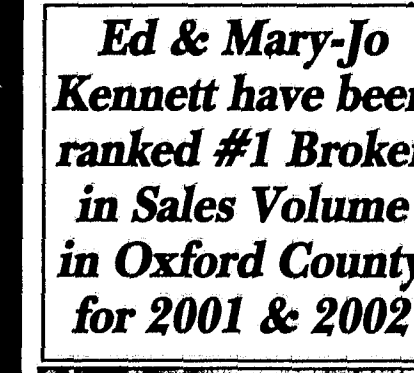
New Listing - Bethel: Circa 1700, This Eye Catching Historic Saltbox on 3.1+/- rural rolling acres is now offered in exceptional condition. Originality and preservation yet renovated throughout, the rich architectural charm of its original footprint is preserved yet improved by its open and bright living spaces. A new Kitchen with center bead wood cabinets, new appliances and sunny slides overlooking Taylor Brook lead to a handsome Dining Area and neutrally carpeted Living Room. 2-3 Bedrooms, 2 Baths, workshop and utility room. This stylish Home is Offered in Pristine, Move-In Condition. \$198,000



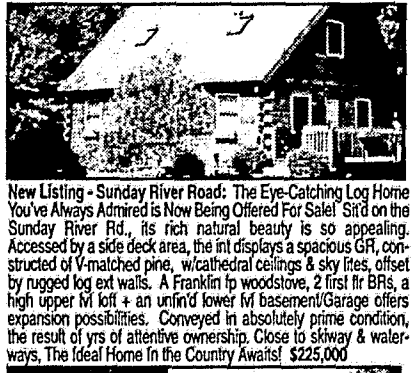
New Listing - Bear River Road: This turn of the last century's Victorian is drenched in yesterday's charm. Strategically situated in an elegant setting where mountainous vistas appear in almost every direction. Replete with its own babbling brook, the ample 26 acre parcel upon which this house sits is simply put divine! A Kitchen the way it should be - spacious, warm & inviting - the ideal gathering place of the house. A run-on floor plan consisting of a parlor, handsome DR, large FR w/ fireplace & massive wrap-around deck, special bedrooms, 2 stairwells, one boasting an ornate ballister - in all 12 rooms, large enough to accommodate most any size family yet cozy enough for two. Detached garage & outbuilding also included. This Special Home is a Gem of an Offering at \$449,000

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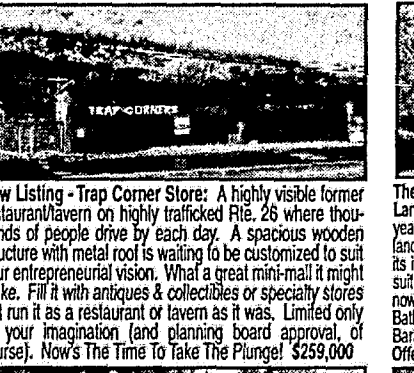
With over \$98 Million Dollars in \$Volume of Sales and over 1,120 Transactions, Kennett Realty, Inc. is appreciative of our #1 status. A big thank-you to our patrons.



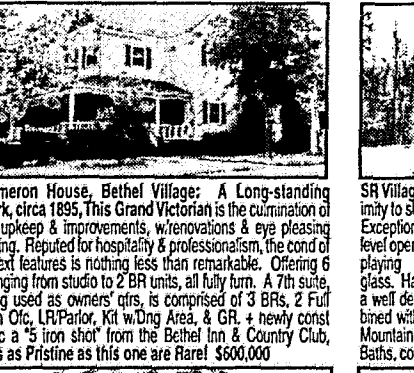
New Listing - Sunday River Road: The Eye-Catching Log Home You've Always Admired is Now Being Offered For Sale! Sit on the Sunday River Rd., its rich natural beauty is so appealing. Accessed by a side deck area, the lot displays a spacious GR, constructed of V-matched pine, w/ cathedral ceilings & sky lites, offset by rugged log ext walls. A Franklin log woodstove, 2 full fr BR's, a high open loft or optional lower level basement/Garage offers separation possibilities. Conveyed in absolutely prime condition, the result of yrs of attentive ownership. Close to skiway & waterways. The Ideal Home In The Country Awaits! \$225,000



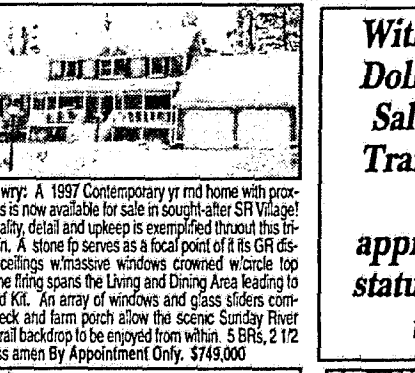
New Listing - Trap Corner Store: A highly visible former restaurant/lavender on highly trafficked Rte. 26 where thousands of people drive by each day. A spacious wooden structure with metal roof is waiting to be customized to suit your entrepreneurial vision. What a great retail mall it might make. Fill it with antiques & collectibles or specialty stores OR run it as a restaurant or tavern as it was. Limited only by your imagination (and planning board approval, of course). Now's The Time To Take The Plunge! \$259,000



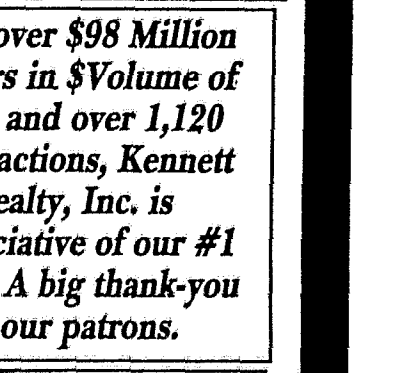
The Cameron House, Bethel Village: A Long-standing Landmark, circa 1895, This Grand Victorian is the culmination of yrs of upkeep & improvements, w/ renovations & eye pleasing landscaping. Planned for hospitality & professional use, the end of its art & ext features is nothing less than remarkable. Offering 6 suites ranging from studio to 2 BR units, all fully turn. New long term lease or owners use is complete. 3 Full Baths, an ott. LR/Parlor, Kit w/ Dining Area, & GR + newly constructed Bath Loo + 5' iron shed from the Bethel Inn & Country Club. Offerings as Pristine as this one are Rare! \$600,000



SR Village, Newry: A 1997 Contemporary yr md home with proximity to ski trails is now available for sale in sought-after SR Village! Exceptional quality, detail and upkeep is exemplified through this 1 1/2 level open floor plan. A stone fireplace serves as focal point of LR. GR displays high ceilings w/ massive windows crowned w/ wide top glass. Hard pine flooring spans the Living and Dining Area leading to a well designed Kit. An array of windows and glass slides combined with a deck and farm porch allow the scenic Sunday River Mountain and trail backdrop to be enjoyed from within. 5 BR's, 2 1/2 Baths, countless amenities By Appointment Only. \$749,000



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New Listing - Wyman Hill Road, Andover: This recently remodeled 5 Bedroom Ranch sports beautiful mountain views. Offering a most accommodating floor plan inclusive of a Kitchen with new dishwasher & gas stove, Dining Area w/ woodstove, Living Room with picture window as well as a spacious Family Room PLUS two baths. Adjoining Alcock Pond. What a Picturesque Setting To Call Home! Only \$79,000

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A-207	2 Bdrm/1 Bath	\$101,500
A-208	2 Bdrm/1 Bath	\$104,500
A-209	2 Bdrm/1 Bath	\$107,500
A-210	2 Bdrm/1 Bath	\$110,500
A-211	2 Bdrm/1 Bath	\$113,500
A-212	2 Bdrm/1 Bath	\$116,500
A-213	2 Bdrm/1 Bath	\$119,500
A-214	2 Bdrm/1 Bath	\$122,500
A-215	2 Bdrm/1 Bath	\$125,500
A-216	2 Bdrm/1 Bath	\$128,500
A-217	2 Bdrm/1 Bath	\$131,500
A-218	2 Bdrm/1 Bath	\$134,500
A-219	2 Bdrm/1 Bath	\$137,500
A-220	2 Bdrm/1 Bath	\$140,500

BROOKSIDE BUILDING II

A-221	2 Bdrm/1 Bath	\$143,500
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A-224	2 Bdrm/1 Bath	\$152,500
A-225	2 Bdrm/1 Bath	\$155,500
A-226	2 Bdrm/1 Bath	\$158,500
A-227	2 Bdrm/1 Bath	\$161,500
A-228	2 Bdrm/1 Bath	\$164,500
A-229	2 Bdrm/1 Bath	\$167,500
A-230	2 Bdrm/1 Bath	\$170,500

LOCKE MOUNTAIN

L-1	3 Bdrm/1 Bath	\$45,000
L-2	3 Bdrm/1 Bath	\$48,000
L-3	3 Bdrm/1 Bath	\$51,000
L-4	3 Bdrm/1 Bath	\$54,000
L-5	3 Bdrm/1 Bath	\$57,000
L-6	3 Bdrm/1 Bath	\$60,000
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W-202 2 Bdrm/1 Bath | \$68,000 |

W-203 2 Bdrm/1 Bath | \$71,000 |

W-204 2 Bdrm/1 Bath | \$74,000 |

W-205 2 Bdrm/1 Bath | \$77,000 |

W-206 2 Bdrm/1 Bath | \$80,000 |

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W-208 2 Bdrm/1 Bath | \$86,000 |

W-209 2 Bdrm/1 Bath | \$89,000 |

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W-297 2 Bdrm/1 Bath | \$353,000 |

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Obituaries

HELEN W. GEORGE

Helen Williamson George of Phoenix, N.Y. died at the Overlook Hospital in Summit, N.J., on Feb. 18, 2003.

She was born on Jan. 5, 1925, in Newry, daughter of Earl and Phyllis Williamson.

On May 22, 1954, she married John S. George, a WWII veteran who died on Dec. 28, 1976 due to complications of Lupus.

She was devoted to community service. She taught Sunday School, was a Girl Scout leader, headed a youth group and always took time to care for others before herself.

Survivors include her four daughters, Bonny Dee Conrad, Phyllis May Conrad, Hazel Louetta Pope and Evelyn Ruth George; her brother, Earl Williamson; 12 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. She was loved by all and will be deeply missed.

Spring burial will be at Riverside Cemetery, Bethel.

Academy. He worked at Riverside Farms Dairy in Bethel from 1952-1957.

In September 1957, he began working at H.P. Hoods in Auburn, retiring in March 1982. Shortly thereafter he began "the best working years of his life" at Ness Oil Company in Auburn.

During the summer months of 1992-1994, he semi-retired to enjoy his home on Green Pond and fully retired in 1994.

He married Avis Cushman on June 7, 1952 in the grove of pine trees at Green Pond. In June 2002, the family celebrated their 50 years of marriage.

Stan and Avis moved from Bethel in 1957 to Perkins Ridge, Auburn. In 1987, they moved to their summer home on Green Pond. He loved people.

He had the natural ability to sincerely strike up a conversation and get to know someone the instant he made contact. He loved and appreciated everything about life. He and Avis loved riding their Gold Wing motorcycle with friends and family.

He looked forward to a yearly fishing trip with his son-in-law and friend, Buster. In recent years, he spent winters in Florida visiting with his youngest daughter, husband, grandchildren and many friends. He loved riding his motorcycle to his oldest daughter's home in Rangeley, where he helped many times at her quilt shop and in his son-in-law's greenhouse. He cherished his role as "Grampa" by being actively involved in his grandchildren's lives. Hobbies he enjoyed the most were dancing, woodworking, playing cards, "puttering" in the yard and helping neighbors.

Card of Thanks

Thanks, everyone, for the wonderful birthday celebration at Briar Lea and for all the continued warm wishes throughout the day.

Polly

Card of Thanks

The family of Randal Stevens takes this opportunity to thank all of you who reached out a comforting hand to us in our time of sorrow. Your cards, calls, flowers, food and donations to the Bethel Methodist Church have been greatly appreciated. We also will never forget your many kindnesses to Randal during his struggle with Parkinson's Disease both at home and at Ledgeview. We wish to especially thank the Methodist Church who so generously fed everyone after the service.

Sarah Stevens & Family

Survivors include his wife of 50 years, Avis of Oxford; his three daughters and their husbands, Carol and Dan Perkins of Rangeley, Terri and Buster Marin of Oxford and Tammy and Marc Levasseur of Fort Myers, Fla.; grandchildren, Vanessa Perkins and Erin Perkins, Kelsi Schutt and Joelle Schutt and Kyle Levasseur, Abbie Levasseur and Emily Levasseur; and many nieces and nephews whom he dearly loved. He was predeceased by his parents; and his brother, Elton (Red) R. Coolidge of Andover.

A celebration of life will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, March 22, at the First Baptist Church on Paris Hill, with Pastor Ron Blake Jr. officiating. Spring interment will be at Riverside Cemetery in Bethel. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in his memory to Androscoggin Home Care and Hospice, P.O. Box 819, Lewiston, ME 04243.

Floyd L. Buck

Floyd Lyman Buck, 49, of Center Minot, passed away on Monday, March 17, 2003 at his home. He had been ill for many years.

Born in Rumford, July 20, 1953, he graduated from Oxford Hills High School in 1972. He loved cars and cartoons and his beloved two companion cats, Pokie and George.

Survivors include one son, Trevor Jon Buck of West Paris; his mother and stepfather, Patricia Wing and Richard E. Mayberry of Norway; an uncle, Lyman Wing of Oxford; and a special goddaughter, Karan Mortimer. He was predeceased by a half-brother, Richard E. Mayberry II; and grandparents, Lyman and Viola Wing and Earlon and Martha Mayberry.

REBECCA J. SHAW TRUST

Dr. Lennie Shaw has requested that in lieu of flowers in remembrance of his beloved wife, "Becky," donations may be made to the Rebecca J. Shaw Para Optometric Educational Trust Fund.

Donations may be sent to the Maine Optometric Association at 72 Western Avenue, Augusta, ME 04330. For more information, you may contact the MOA office at 626-9920

CONGRATULATIONS!

Harold R. Clough, Sr.

For 2 years of sobriety. We love you and are so proud of you!

Chet & Thirza
Frank & Mabel
Debbie & Family
Chet Jr. & Family
Lorraine & Family
Angie & Family

Weddings



Dr. & Mrs. Juan A. Quiel

Mr. and Mrs. David H. Denison are pleased to announce the marriage of their daughter, Julie Anne Denison, to Juan Antonio Quiel, Ph.D. Mr. Quiel is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Juan Antonio Quiel of Boquete, Panama.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride was attended by Marietta Head of Providence, R.I. Melissa Palmer Karas was matron of honor in absentia. David Scott Denison served as best man.

A reception was held at the Johns Hopkins Club in Baltimore, Md., immediately following the ceremony.

The bride is a graduate of Telstar Regional High School. She holds a B.A. from Clark University, an M.H.S. from Johns Hopkins University and is currently completing requirements for a Ph.D. from Johns Hopkins University.

The groom holds a B.S. from the University of Panama, an M.S. from Worcester Polytechnic Institute and a Ph.D. from Johns Hopkins University. He is currently employed with the National Institute of Health. The couple resides in Kensington, Md.

Card of Thanks

The family of Sonny Cummings wishes to thank everyone for the overwhelming support, love and kindness given to us in our time of need. We will always remember the many, many ways our lives have been touched by our neighbors, our friends, and our families.

God Bless You All.

Card of Thanks

"They are not dead, who leave us this great heritage of remembered joy...They still live in our hearts, in the happiness we knew, in the dreams we shared— They still breathe in the lingering fragrance windblown from their favorite flowers— They still smile in moonlight's silver and laugh in sunlight's sparkling gold— They still speak in the echoes of words we've heard them say again and again— They still move in the rhythm of waving grasses, in the dance of tossing branches. They are not dead; their memory is warm in our hearts, comfort in our sorrow. They are not apart from us, but a part of us...For love is eternal; and those we love shall be with us throughout eternity."

Words seem so inadequate in expressing our gratitude to everyone for the tremendous outpouring of love and support in the loss of our Mother, Grandmother, and Great Grandmother.

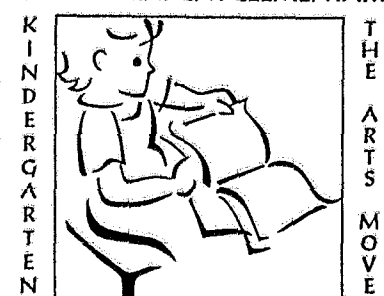
We are so grateful for all the cards, e-mails, letters, and calls which continue to add to our cherished memories; the beautiful floral arrangements and plants (and yes, Mom, we are being sure to water them); the delicious delicacies brought to our homes; and the numerous donations to the American Legion Memorial Scholarship in her memory. Each continue to remind us of how special each of you were to Mom and to each of us.

To everyone who touched her life, and ours, please accept our profound and heartfelt thanks.

Jack, Barbara, Christopher, Travis and Ashley Brooks
Jeri & Jerry Greenwell
Jesse, Michele and Danielle Conde
Robert and Jerry Greenwell

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Births

Reggie and Linda (James) Cooper of Waterbury, Vt., are delighted to announce the arrival of their daughter, Lucy James Cooper, born on Dec. 14, 2002, in Philadelphia, Pa., and welcomed in to our family on Jan. 13, 2003.

Maternal grandparents are Richard and Barbara James of Bethel. Her paternal grandparents are Midge Cooper and the late Brian Cooper of Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

Kate Davis and Daryan Saunders are pleased to announce the birth of their son, Cody Bryan Saunders, born on March 2, 2003 at Central Maine Medical Center, Lewiston, weighing 9 pounds.

Maternal grandparents are Craig and Margo Davis of Auburn. Paternal grandparents are Bryan and Pam Saunders of Auburn.

Maternal great-grandparents are Bob and Polly Davis of Bethel.

Cody joins his brother, Trevor, age 4.

Ed and Kathy Millett of Bethel are pleased to announce the arrival of a baby boy, Gavin Robert, born on March 5, 2003 at Stephens Memorial Hospital, weighing 7 pounds, 9 ounces.

Maternal grandparent is Robin Adams of Bethel.

Paternal grandparents are Ed and Deliah Millett of Stoneham.

Gavin joins two sisters, Desiree, age 6, and Dominique, age 4.

Super Crossword Answers

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BLACKSTABBER	OBNOXIOUS		
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1 egg any style, toast, coffee or tea	\$2.25	#1	American cheese omelet, toast, coffee or tea	\$3.25	#2
2 eggs any style, choice of bacon, ham or sausage, toast, coffee or tea	\$3.75	#3	2 pancakes or 2 French toast, choice of bacon, ham or sausage, coffee or tea	\$3.75	#4
2 cheeses, 2 veggies, 1 meat, omelet, toast, coffee or tea	\$4.50	#5	2 eggs any style, choice of bacon, ham, sausage, coffee or tea	\$4.50	#6
2 pancakes or 2 French toast, 2 eggs & homefries, 3 bacon or 3 sausage, coffee or tea	\$5.50	#7	stir-fry tips 5 oz., 2 eggs & homefries, toast, coffee or tea	\$5.95	#8

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Ski season begins to wind down



A young skier-in-training steers downhill on Mt. Abram Family Resort's Sweeper Trail, with North and South ponds in the distance. With the final day of skiing scheduled for April 6, the Locke Mills ski area is wrapping up a strong season. Owner Josh Burns reports an increase of more than 30 percent in skier visits and revenues for the season. Burns attributed the success to a combination of value pricing, the introduction of night skiing, the new tubing park, the popularity of teaching programs, and the early snow the area received. In Newry, however, the season at Sunday River Ski Resort appears to have been less successful. According to information released by Sunday River's corporate parent, the American Skiing Company, skier visits here through

Jan. 27 were 202,488, compared to 204,437 for the same period in the previous season. But the level numbers apparently did not continue. In an earnings report issued earlier this month, CEO B.J. Fair said the season started strong, but ASC's resorts then encountered "some softening in visitation due primarily to extremely cold weather in the Northeast as well as ongoing concerns about the economy and the threat of war with Iraq." Robin Zinchuk, executive director of the Bethel Area Chamber also noted ill-timed snowfall in Sunday River's market area, which impeded day-trippers. In view of all these negative factors, she said, the season "wasn't a disaster."

(Photo by Michael Daniels)

... as Town Meeting season is moving into full swing

Woodstock to decide on renaming Post Office

By ALISON ALOISIO

The possible renaming of the Bryant Pond Post Office and consideration of the town's proposed Comprehensive Plan top the agenda for Woodstock's Town Meeting Monday.

Townpeople will consider 63 articles at the meeting, which starts at 7 p.m. at the Woodstock Elementary School.

The proposed overall budget totals \$1,464,400, with a projected mill rate of 14.78, up from last year's 14.10. A hike in the county tax and an estimated increase in the SAD44 school share, both of which have been figured into the budget,

are partly responsible.

The article to change the BPPO name to "Woodstock Post Office" was requested by a South Woodstock resident, Town Manager Vern Maxfield said.

He said some residents outside Bryant Pond Village would like to see the change to better reflect the whole town, while some villagers are hesitant to break with tradition.

But, he said, "I've heard more pros than cons."

In 1998, for similar reasons, the town of Greenwood changed the name of the Locke Mills Post Of-

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Greenwood Comp Plan goes to voters Saturday

By MICHAEL DANIELS

Like their counterparts in Woodstock, Greenwood voters will decide at this year's annual Town Meeting if the town is to adopt a new Comprehensive Plan.

With a relatively flat budget and few other potentially hot-button issues, this year's meeting, which will be held Saturday at 10 a.m. looks to be a relatively low-key event.

The new Comp Plan, which runs to 150 detailed pages, is the result of more than two years' work and a number of public forums and hearings.

If adopted, the plan is intended to

guide future development in the town, but the document before voters Saturday does not in itself create or mandate any new regulations.

The plan is the work of the town Planning Board and Comprehensive Plan Committee.

Alan Hamilton, former chairman of the plan committee, is expected to make a presentation describing it. In addition, a number of large, color maps drawn from the plan will be on display in the Town Hall, where the Town Meeting will be held.

See GREENWOOD, page 4

Bicentennial, ambulance bill on Gilead's warrant

By ALISON ALOISIO

Gilead residents will consider a request for an increase in ambulance service charges, a proposal for a 2004 Bicentennial celebration and several new candidates for town offices when they gather Saturday at Town Meeting.

If all articles are approved, the town's mill rate of 12.55 could increase, according to Beverly Coriveau, administrative assistant. The proposed budget totals have not yet been calculated, so a firm figure is not yet available, she said.

Bethel Rescue provides ambulance service for Gilead. The funding request from the town of Bethel has increased this year to \$4,398. Gilead has paid \$2,500 in recent years, Coriveau said. Selectmen are sticking with a recommendation of \$2,500 for 2003.

Coriveau said there are usually only one or two rescue calls a year for Gilead townspeople. Most calls, she said, are for accidents on Route 2, and town officials don't feel they should pay for that share of the coverage.

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Property-tax rate in Upton likely to drop

By ALISON ALOISIO

Upton voters will meet tonight (Thursday) to consider a budget that should see the mill rate remain the same, or possibly decline.

"There are no increases in any accounts," said selectman Richard LeComte. "Taxes ought to hold the line, or might even drop."

The current mill rate is 10.83.

The school budget requests \$46,260 be raised as the local share for the \$48,821 foundation allocation, with another \$4,000 in additional local funds. The total authorized expenditure for school purposes would be \$75,886.

In elections of town officials, selectman Larry Nelson's term is up and he plans to run again, LeComte said.

Comte said.

Jim Rector is expected to seek the selectman's seat previously occupied by Earl Lagesse, who resigned before his term was up. Rector is a retired hospital administrator, LeComte said.

Walter Slanczyk will run again for the three offices of tax collector, treasurer and town clerk, and Sue Nelson is expected to run for her School Committee seat again.

The meeting starts at 7 p.m. in the Municipal Building.

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Gould boarder tops in national event

Gould Academy's Aidan Payson won the men's open class slopestyle competition Tuesday at the USASA National Snowboard Championships at Sunday River Ski Resort.

Overcoming dense fog and less-than-ideal snow conditions, Payson, 18, a Gould senior from Freeport, beat 28 other top competitors from across the country, including Colorado, California and Vermont.

Nearly 1,000 competitors ages 6 to 60 are competing in five disciplines — slalom, giant slalom, halfpipe, slopestyle and boardercross — as part of the United States of America Snowboard Association's 13th annual national championships.

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THS students mirror adults in war views

By ELIOT POIRIER

The war in Iraq has been on the minds of many Bethel adults. It has also been on the minds of many local teenagers.

Charlie Raymond, social studies teacher at Telstar High School, has many students asking him about the war, even if they're in a class that doesn't cover the war specifically.

He teaches several classes: Public Issues, Area Studies, 1950s/1960s, and Black Studies. Students in all of his classes have thoughts about the war, and Raymond encourages

them to voice their opinions and ask questions.

"My philosophy as a teacher is that if a student wants to ask a question about current events, it's my job to help answer it," Raymond said. "The point of what I'm trying to do is not tell kids what to think, but to provide them with enough information so they can form their own opinions."

The Public Issues class, composed mostly of juniors and seniors, examines a wide variety of issues. The analysis of political

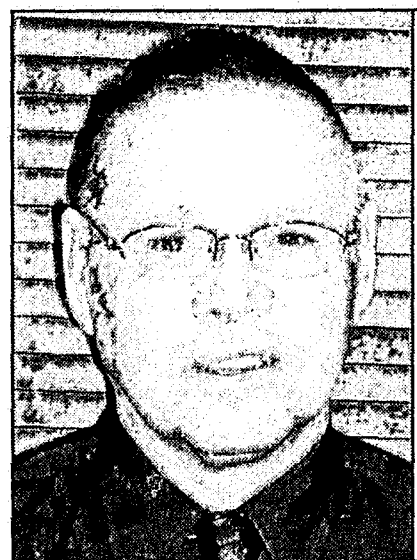
cartoons sparks much debate, while helping students see the difference between liberal and conservative viewpoints.

However, in light of the recent invasion, much of class time is now being spent informally debating the war issue, Raymond said.

When the class first began talking about it, there were a variety of viewpoints. "The class tends to reflect society," Raymond said.

Before the invasion, about 70

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APPOINTED TEMPORARY OFFICER-IN-CHARGE

Alan J. Carr of Albany has been appointed to the position of officer-in-charge of the Bethel Police Department, effective immediately. The appointment is temporary, pending resolution of other matters, according to a press release from the town. The duration of his service is not yet known. Carr will be paid an annual gross salary of \$29,307, or \$563.60 a week, representing 90 percent of the approved salary rate in the town's current budget. No other benefits will be offered in conjunction with his employment, except those mandated by law. Carr's position carries all authority associated with the position of police chief. Because of the uncertain length of his employment, he has been asked to refrain from implementation of significant departmental policy changes. Carr, 55, was raised in Portland and is a graduate of Portland High School. He has more than 30 years of law enforcement experience in Maine, including 25 years of service with the Maine State Police. He is also the volunteer chief of Stoneham Rescue, a post he has held since 1996. Carr is a veteran of the U.S. Navy. Police Chief Darren Tripp was suspended, with pay, last week, for a minimum of 10 days. (Photo by Alison Aloisio)

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Obituaries

HELEN W. GEORGE

Helen Williamson George of Phoenix, N.Y., died at the Overlook Hospital in Summit, N.J., on Feb. 18, 2003.

She was born on Jan. 5, 1925, in Newry, daughter of Earl and Phyllis Williamson.

On May 22, 1954, she married John S. George, a WWII veteran who died on Dec. 28, 1976 due to complications of Lupus.

She was devoted to community service. She taught Sunday School, was a Girl Scout leader, headed a youth group and always took time to care for others before herself.

Survivors include her four daughters, Bonny Dee Conrad, Phyllis May Conrad, Hazel Louetta Pope and Evelyn Ruth George; her brother, Earl Williamson; 12 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. She was loved by all and will be deeply missed.

Spring burial will be at Riverside Cemetery, Bethel.

Academy. He worked at Riverside Farms Dairy in Bethel from 1952-1957.

In September 1957, he began working at H.P. Hoods in Auburn, retiring in March 1982. Shortly thereafter he began "the best working years of his life" at Ness Oil Company in Auburn.

During the summer months of 1992-1994, he semi-retired to enjoy his home on Green Pond and fully retired in 1994.

He married Avis Cushman on June 7, 1952 in the grove of pine trees at Green Pond. In June 2002, the family celebrated their 50 years of marriage.

Stan and Avis moved from Bethel in 1957 to Perkins Ridge, Auburn. In 1987, they moved to their summer home on Green Pond. He loved people.

He had the natural ability to sincerely strike up a conversation and get to know someone the instant he made contact. He loved and appreciated everything about life. He and Avis loved riding their Gold Wing motorcycle and enjoyed many miles with friends and family.

He looked forward to a yearly fishing trip with his son-in-law and friend, Buster. In recent years, he spent winters in Florida visiting with his youngest daughter, husband, grandchildren and many friends. He loved riding his motorcycle to his oldest daughter's home in Rangeley, where he helped many times at her quilt shop and in his son-in-law's greenhouse. He cherished his role as "Grampa" by being actively involved in his grandchildren's lives. Hobbies he enjoyed the most were dancing, woodworking, playing cards, "putting" in the yard and helping neighbors.

Card of Thanks

Thanks, everyone, for the wonderful birthday celebration at Briar Lea and for all the continued warm wishes throughout the day.

Polly

Card of Thanks

The family of Randal Stevens takes this opportunity to thank all of you who reached out a comforting hand to us in our time of sorrow. Your cards, calls, flowers, food and donations to the Bethel Methodist Church have been greatly appreciated. We also will never forget your many kindnesses to Randal during his struggle with Parkinson's Disease both at home and at Ledgeview. We wish to especially thank the Methodist Church who so generously fed everyone after the service.

Sarah Stevens & Family

Survivors include his wife of 50 years, Avis of Oxford; his three daughters and their husbands, Carol and Dan Perkins of Rangeley, Terri and Buster Marin of Oxford and Tammy and Marc Levasseur of Fort Myers, Fla.; grandchildren, Vanessa Perkins and Erin Perkins, Kelsi Schutt and Joelle Schutt and Kyle Levasseur, Abbie Levasseur and Emily Levasseur; and many nieces and nephews whom he dearly loved. He was predeceased by his parents; and his brother, Elton (Red) R. Coolidge of Andover.

A celebration of life will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, March 22, at the First Baptist Church on Paris Hill, with Pastor Ron Blake Jr. officiating. Spring interment will be at Riverside Cemetery in Bethel. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in his memory to Androscoggin Home Care and Hospice, P.O. Box 819, Lewiston, ME 04243.

Floyd L. Buck

Floyd Lyman Buck, 49, of Center Minot, passed away on Monday, March 17, 2003 at his home. He had been ill for many years.

Born in Rumford, July 20, 1953, he graduated from Oxford Hills High School in 1972. He loved cars and cartoons and his beloved two companion cats, Pokie and George.

Survivors include one son, Trevor Jon Buck of West Paris; his mother and stepfather, Patricia Wing and Richard E. Mayberry of Norway; an uncle, Lyman Wing of Oxford; and a special goddaughter, Karan Mortimer. He was predeceased by a half-brother, Richard E. Mayberry II; and grandparents, Lyman and Viola Wing and Earlon and Martha Mayberry.

REBECCA J. SHAW TRUST

Dr. Lennie Shaw has requested that in lieu of flowers in remembrance of his beloved wife, "Becky," donations may be made to the Rebecca J. Shaw Para Optometric Educational Trust Fund.

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Weddings



Dr. & Mrs. Juan A. Quiel

Mr. and Mrs. David H. Denison are pleased to announce the marriage of their daughter, Julie Anne Denison, to Juan Antonio Quiel, Ph.D. Mr. Quiel is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Juan Antonio Quiel of Boquete, Panama.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride was attended by Marietta Head of Providence, R.I. Melissa Palmer Karas was matron of honor in absentia. David Scott Denison served as best man.

A reception was held at the Johns Hopkins Club in Baltimore, Md., immediately following the ceremony.

The bride is a graduate of Telstar Regional High School. She holds a B.A. from Clark University, an M.H.S. from Johns Hopkins University and is currently completing requirements for a Ph.D. from John Hopkins University.

The groom holds a B.S. from the University of Panama, an M.S. from Worcester Polytechnical Institute and a Ph.D. from Johns Hopkins University. He is currently employed with the National Institute of Health.

The couple resides in Kensington, Md.

Card of Thanks

The family of Sonny Cummings wishes to thank everyone for the overwhelming support, love and kindness given to us in our time of need. We will always remember the many, many ways our lives have been touched by our neighbors, our friends, and our families.

God Bless You All.

Card of Thanks

"They are not dead, who leave us this great heritage of remembered joy...They still live in our hearts, in the happiness we knew, in the dreams we shared— They still breathe in the lingering fragrance windblown from their favorite flowers— They still smile in moonlight's silver and laugh in sunlight's sparkling gold— They still speak in the echoes of words we've heard them say again and again— They still move in the rhythm of waving grasses, in the dance of tossing branches. They are not dead; their memory is warm in our hearts, comfort in our sorrow. They are not apart from us, but a part of us...For love is eternal; and those we love shall be with us throughout eternity."

Words seem so inadequate in expressing our gratitude to everyone for the tremendous outpouring of love and support in the loss of our Mother, Grandmother, and Great Grandmother.

We are so grateful for all the cards, e-mails, letters, and calls which continue to add to our cherished memories; the beautiful floral arrangements and plants (and yes, Mom, we are being sure to water them); the delicious delicacies brought to our homes; and the numerous donations to the American Legion Memorial Scholarship in her memory. Each continue to remind us of how special each of you were to Mom and to each of us.

To everyone who touched her life, and ours, please accept our profound and heartfelt thanks.

Jack, Barbara, Christopher, Travis and Ashley Brooks
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Jesse, Michele and Danielle Conde
Robert and Jerry Greenwell

Births

Reggie and Linda (James) Cooper of Waterbury, Vt., are delighted to announce the arrival of their daughter, Lucy James Cooper, born on Dec. 14, 2002, in Philadelphia, Pa., and welcomed in to our family on Jan. 13, 2003.

Maternal grandparents are Richard and Barbara James of Bethel.

Her paternal grandparents are Midge Cooper and the late Brian Cooper of Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

Kate Davis and Daryan Saunders are pleased to announce the birth of their son, Cody Bryan Saunders, born on March 2, 2003 at Central Maine Medical Center, Lewiston, weighing 9 pounds.

Maternal grandparents are Craig and Margo Davis of Auburn.

Paternal grandparents are Bryan and Pam Saunders of Auburn.

Maternal great-grandparents are Bob and Polly Davis of Bethel.

Cody joins his brother, Trevor, age 4.

Ed and Kathy Millett of Bethel are pleased to announce the arrival of a baby boy, Gavin Robert, born on March 5, 2003 at Stephens Memorial Hospital, weighing 7 pounds, 9 ounces.

Maternal grandparent is Robin Adams of Bethel.

Paternal grandparents are Ed and Deliah Millett of Stoneham.

Gavin joins two sisters, Desiree, age 6, and Dominique, age 4.

Super Crossword Answers

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